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Re: Re-establishment Proposal for the 31st Judicial District (Lehigh County)

Dear Mr. Mittleman:

This letter with attachments is submitted pursuant to the request for re-establishment of Magisterial District Court ("District Court") boundaries as is statutorily required as a result of the 2020 census.

According to Pennsylvania Supreme Court and AOPC instructions, the primary goal of this plan is to achieve workload equity among the District Courts within the 31st Judicial District (Lehigh County) while considering and planning for foreseeable future changes to the existing structure of Lehigh County as it may impact case filings and workload.

The primary considerations in developing this plan include existing average caseloads per District Court, crime statistics within the City of Allentown, population according to the 2020 Census, revitalization projects planned within the City of Allentown, and the increased enforcement activities by the Allentown Parking Authority.

Currently, the City of Allentown is in the midst of an on-going revitalization project. In the last two years, three (3) apartment buildings comprising 268 residential units with street level retail space were added within the boundaries of District Court 31-2-01. In the next two (2) years, two (2) additional apartment buildings comprising 300+ residential units will be built within the boundaries of this District. Within the boundaries of District Court 31-1-03, two (2) apartment buildings comprising 286 residential units with street level retail space were built. Two (2) more residential apartments are planned for this District adding 196 more residential units. In addition, the close of 2022 will bring a 16-floor (296,000 square feet) office building

with street level retail space. Lastly, a 170-unit residential apartment building is planned within the boundaries of District Court 31-1-04.

Beyond the revitalization projects planned in Allentown's Center City, a Waterfront Project is planned for Wards 1 and 6, which includes a new highway connecting the waterfront area to Route 22. The waterfront is expected to be developed with hotels, retail space, office space, residential apartments, restaurants, and recreational trails along the Lehigh River.

Overall, Lehigh County has seen an 8% population increase since 2010, and average case filings decreased by 11% since 2014. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the population of this increase is within the City of Allentown. While the population was increasing countywide between 2014–2019, case filings were decreasing. Lehigh County had a 9% decrease in case filings during this time. While the District Courts surrounding Allentown maintained a lower caseload in 2021, with an additional 18% drop in filings, Allentown's case filings increased by 40% in 2021. This is a result of the increased enforcement efforts by the Allentown Parking Authority. In the last five (5) years, filings for parking violations increased 64% in the District Courts within the City of Allentown. This increased parking enforcement is expected to continue in the long term.

In consideration of the revitalization plans, inner city population increases, and increased parking enforcement, Lehigh County will be better served with opening an additional District Court within the City of Allentown. In order to achieve workload equity, we propose to eliminate District Court 31-2-03 and open a new District Court to serve Allentown City Wards 6 and 10.

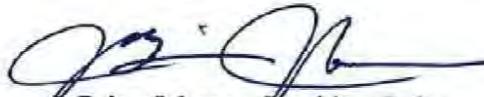
The average workload for District Court 31-2-03 is 38% below the average for Lehigh County. We propose that, upon elimination of this District Court, the boundaries for District Court 31-3-03 be redrawn to include Emmaus and Macungie Boroughs. (Lower Macungie would move to DC 31-3-02.) The workload for District Court 31-3-03 is 51% below the average workload for Lehigh County. Combining these District Courts would result in a District Court with an average workload within 15% of the average for Lehigh County.

The average workload for District Court 31-1-01 is 33% above the average for Lehigh County. With the influx of new filings for parking violations, the workload average is 45% higher than the Lehigh County average. The average case filings are 75% higher than the average for a 3rd Class County. The average workload for District Court 31-2-01 is 26% above the average for Lehigh County. With the influx of new filings for parking violations, the workload average is 37% above the workload average for Lehigh County. Realigning the 6th Ward from District Court 31-2-01 and the 10th Ward from District Court 31-1-01 to create a new District Court will assist in achieving workload equity for District Court 31-1-01, District Court 31-2-01, and the proposed new District Court.

In the interest of public convenience, we recommend that the boundaries of District Court 31-1-04 be re-aligned to move Allentown's 2nd Ward to District Court 31-2-01. The workload impact to either of these District Courts is minimal. However, the impact on the public doing business in person with the District Court will be significantly improved. The 2nd Ward is within walking distance to District Court 31-2-01 while District Court 31-1-04 is a 2.5 mile commute.

Lehigh County's "Annual Average Filings per Court" is 16% higher than the average for a Class 3 County, which is the highest per-court caseload in comparison to other Class 3 Counties. Implementing the proposed plan will bring Lehigh County closer to achieving countywide workload equity.

Respectfully yours,



J. Brian Johnson, President Judge

Attachments:

- Reestablishment Worksheets
- "Annual Average Filings per Court" for all Pennsylvania Class 3 Counties
- Average Case Filings Per Magisterial District Court 2014-2020
- Population variances per Township/Ward between 2010-2020
- 2021 Case Filings per District Court
- Statistical: Parking Citations Filed 2017 – 2021 (Estimated Breakdown by Ward)
- Crime Statistics by Ward 2020
- 2020 Census Bureau Population and City of Allentown Crime Statistics Correlation
- Average Criminal Activity by Ward/Estimated Filings by Ward
- Magisterial District Maps

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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| Judicial District Number: 31 <input type="text"/> | County: Lehigh <input type="text"/> | Class of County: 3 <input type="text"/> |
| <p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##): 31-1-01, 31-1-02, 31-1-03, 31-1-04, 31-1-05, 31-1-06, 31-1-07, 31-1-08, 31-2-01, 31-2-02, 31-2-03, 31-3-01, 31-3-02, 31-3-03</p> | | |
| Caseload Analysis | | |
| 2. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 6,025 | B. 4,919 |
| 3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county. | <i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | 1106 | 1st out of 11 |
| 4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county? | | No <input type="text"/> |
| Proposed Actions | | |
| 5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes). 31-1-02, 31-1-03, 31-1-05, 31-1-06, 31-1-07, 31-1-08, 31-2-02, 31-3-01 | | Yes <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes). 31-1-01, 31-1-04, 31-2-01, 31-3-02, 31-3-03 | | Yes <input type="text"/> |
| 7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination. 31-2-03 | | Yes <input type="text"/> |

| Additional Workload Factors | |
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| 8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs. | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Final Checklist | |
| 11. Was a request for public comment posted? | Yes |
| 12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both? | Electronic |
| 13. Were media outlets notified? | Yes |
| 14. Were public comments received? | No |
| 15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission? | Yes |
| 16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable? | Yes |
| 18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Additional Remarks | |
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| Verification of Submission | |
| 20. Date submitted to AOPC: 2/28/2022 | |
| 21. President Judge Name: J. Brian Johnson | |
| Signature |  |

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-01 | | County: Lehigh |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 |
| Caseload Analysis | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 8,262 | B. 6,025 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | 2,237 | 2 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | 3,343 | 68% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A | | |
| Workload Analysis | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 72,263 | B. 48,082 |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | 24,181 | 50% |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Linda D. Vega Sirop

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1201 Sumner Avenue, Allentown, PA 18102

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

Yes

Revitalization plan for Allentown Center City may increase traffic on Rt 145 for those traveling to Center City from Rt 22.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rt 145

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown Wards 8, 10

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

No

If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

City of Allentown Ward 8

(Propose splitting this District. This District Court would remain in Ward 8 with a new District Court opening in Ward 10.)

20. Additional Comments:

The average case filings reported per case filings provided by AOPC are based on filings from 2014 - 2020. This does not accurately reflect current case filings for this office. In 2020, the Allentown parking authority significantly increased staffing of enforcement officers and the hours of enforcement. In 2021 case filings for this office totaled 18,453 and increased the workload to 87,219, which is 45% over the average workload for the judicial district. It is reported that this trend will continue.

Per local crime statics, 30% of all criminal activity in Allentown occurs in Wards 8 & 10. (Ward 8=13% and Ward 10=17%)

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-02 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 7,146 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 1,122 | 4 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 2,227 | 45% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 60,239 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 12,157 | 25% |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| <p>The MDJ lives in the Ward from which the bulk of filings are generated. The District Court location is at the opposite end of the District. Moving any of the remaining wards would result in noncontiguous boundaries. Additionally, moving any of the remaining wards currently existing within this district to a surrounding district would increase the surrounding workload above the 15% threshold. Note that 50% of Court Criminal cases filed in this District are held in Central Court.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Rashid Santiago

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1101 Hamilton Street, Suite 150, Allentown, PA 18102. Moving to 503 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101, which will change the response to Question #12 (Approved by the Supreme Court in 2021 to move this District Court outside boundaries upon completion of "old" courthouse renovation)

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

Yes

The Da Vinci Science Center is moving to this District from Cedar Crest College, which will increase tourism in this district. Multiple residential apartment complexes and office buildings have been built and additional are planned in adjacent districts, which will increase commuter traffic through this district.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

None

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown Wards 4, 7, 11

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

Currently, District Court 31-1-02 is located within the Magisterial District boundaries. In February, 2021, the Supreme Court issued an order permitting this District Court to be located outside the boundaries of the magisterial district upon completion of the renovations of the "Old Courthouse." The new address will be 503 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA. It is anticipated that renovations will be complete in the second half of 2022.

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-03 | County: Lehigh | | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 5,911 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| | -113 | 8 | out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> | |
| | 992 | 20% | |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 43,629 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> | |
| | -4,453 | -9 % | |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| N/A | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Ronald S. Manescu

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1428 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

Yes

The Center City revitalization plan recently brought two apartment buildings to this District totaling 286 apartments. Two additional residential apartments are planned for this District adding 196 more residential units. In addition, Fall 2022 will bring a 16 Floor (296,000 Square feet) of office space and retail space.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rt 145, Rt 222, Rt 29

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown Wards 3, 13, 17, 18

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-04 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 4,903 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -1,122 | 11 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -16 | 0% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 53,060 | | B. 48,082 |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 4,978 | 10% |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| N/A | | | |

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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 31-1-05 | County: | Lehigh |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 7,333 | B. 6025 | C. 4919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 1,308 | 3 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 2,414 | 49% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 61839 | B. 48082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 13757 | 29% |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| On average, 50% of the filed court criminal cases are moved to Central Court. The workload for these cases would approximate 11,000. Actual total workload is within +/- 15%. | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | |
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| <p>10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:</p> <p>Michael D. D'Amore</p> <p><i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> <i>Birthdate</i> <i>Term Expiration Date</i> <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i></p> | |
| <p>11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:</p> <p>1007 Union Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103</p> | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | Yes |
| 15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below. | No/Not Sure |
| <p>16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, Catasauqua Borough, Lehigh Valley Airport Police, State Police-Bethlehem</p> | |
| <p>17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Rt 22, Rt 978</p> | |
| <p>18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.</p> <p>City of Allentown Wards 14, 15, Catasauqua Borough, Hanover township (Lehigh County)</p> | |
| 19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically). | Yes |
| 20. Additional Comments: | |
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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-06 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 6,469 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 444 | 7 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 1,550 | 32% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
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| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 43,757 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -4,325 | -9 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| N/A | | | |

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-07 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 5,172 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -853 | 10 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 253 | 5% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 49,245 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 1,163 | 2 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| N/A | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | |
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| <p>10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:</p> <p>Todd P. Heffelfinger</p> <p><i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> <i>Birthdate</i> <i>Term Expiration Date</i> <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i></p> | |
| <p>11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:</p> <p>3678 Crescent Court East, Suite A, Whitehall, PA 18052</p> | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | Yes |
| <p>15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.</p> <p>New highway connecting Allentown Ward 6 (Area of the Riverfront project) to Rt 22. This will run through a portion of Whitehall within the boundaries of DC 31-1-07. This will increase traffic and likely increase case filings.</p> | Yes |
| <p>16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police-Bethlehem, Whitehall Township, Coplay Borough</p> | |
| <p>17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Rt 22, Rt 145</p> | |
| <p>18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.</p> <p>Whitehall Township, Coplay Borough</p> | |
| <p>19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).</p> | Yes |
| 20. Additional Comments: | |
| <p>The riverfront project will increase tourism in Allentown Wards 1 & 6. The primary northern route to this location will run through Whitehall Township from Route 22, which will increase traffic and likely increase case filings.</p> | |

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-1-08 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 5,540 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -485 | 9 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 620 | 13% |
| <p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p>Although no changes to boundaries for this district are proposed, a local court order will be in place to move all I78 state police summary traffic violations, between mile marker 49 to mile marker 60, to this district. This temporary assignment of this case type will likely approximate an increase in traffic filings for this district by 1200 case filings.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 34,957 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -13,125 | -27 % |
| <p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p>Although no changes to boundaries for this district are proposed, a local court order will be in place to move all I78 state police summary traffic violations, between mile marker 49 to mile marker 60, to this district. This temporary assignment of this case type will likely approximate an increase in traffic filings for this district by 1200 case filings.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Michael J. Pochron

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

3000 S. Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103*

Effective March 1, 2022 the new address will be 2851 S. Pike Avenue, Suite A, Allentown, PA 18103

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

No

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

Yes

Revitalization projects planned for adjacent wards in Allentown including Center City Allentown and the River front may increase traffic through this District.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police, Salisbury Township, City of Allentown

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rt 309, I-78, Rt 145

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown 16th Ward and Salisbury Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

The riverfront project will increase tourism in Allentown Wards 1 & 6. The primary Southern route to this location from Rt 309 would be Rt 145, which may increase traffic traveling through this district.

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-2-01 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 6,749 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 724 | 6 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 1,830 | 37% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 64,793 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 16,711 | 35% |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Karen C Devine

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

14 N. 6th , Allentown, PA 18101*

Effective Fall 2022 the new address will be 501 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

Yes

Revitalization projects in Center City and the waterfront (Allentown Wards 6 and 1) will include multiple resident apartments, hotels, retail and industrial space, and a new roadway connecting the river front to Route 22.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, City of Allentown

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

N/A

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown Wards 1,5,6,9

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

No

City of Allentown Wards 1, 2, 5, 9

20. Additional Comments:

It's proposed to open a new District Court to include City of Allentown Wards 6 and 10. Additionally, Ward 2 would move from DC 31-1-04 to this District Court. Allentown Ward 6 has a higher Criminal and parking caseload than Ward 2. It is anticipated that filings in Wards 6 and 1 will increase with the planned Riverfront project. In addition, a 250 unit residential apartment complex with street level retail space is planned for Ward 5. With the various building plans for this District, realignment of Ward 6 to a proposed new District Court will provide opportunities for workload equity in this District.

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-2-02 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | Avg for Magisterial District | Avg for Judicial District | Avg for Class of County |
| | A. 6,854 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | Difference (3A - 3B) | Ranking Total |
| | | 829 | 5 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | Difference (3A - 3C) | % Above/Below |
| | | 1,935 | 39% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | Avg for Magisterial District | Avg for Judicial District | |
| | A. 49,857 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | Difference (7A - 7B) | % Above/Below |
| | | 1,775 | 4 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | |
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| <p>10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Jacob E Hammond</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> <i>Birthdate</i> <i>Term Expiration Date</i> <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i></p> | |
| <p>11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3900 Hamilton Blvd, Suite 101, Allentown, PA 18103</p> | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | Yes |
| 15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below. | No/Not Sure |
| <p>16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, South Whitehall Police, State Police Fogelsville</p> | |
| <p>17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Rts 22, 309, 145, 329, 222, I-78, I-476</p> | |
| <p>18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">South Whitehall Township, North Whitehall Township</p> | |
| 19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically). | Yes |
| 20. Additional Comments: | |
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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-2-03 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Eliminate | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 3,726 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -2299 | 12 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -1,194 | -24% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 29,857 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -18,225 | -38 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| N/A | | | |

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-3-01 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 3,158 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -2,867 | 14 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -1,762 | -36% |
| <p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p>This District Court is located in a rural area close to the northern border of the judicial district. Any attempt to realign existing boundaries to include additional municipalities would be a disservice to the public and police considering the commute to conduct business in person.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 27,306 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -20,776 | -43 % |
| <p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p>This District Court is located in a rural area close to the northern border of the judicial district. Any attempt to realign existing boundaries to include additional municipalities would be a disservice to the public and police considering the commute to conduct business in person.</p> | | | |

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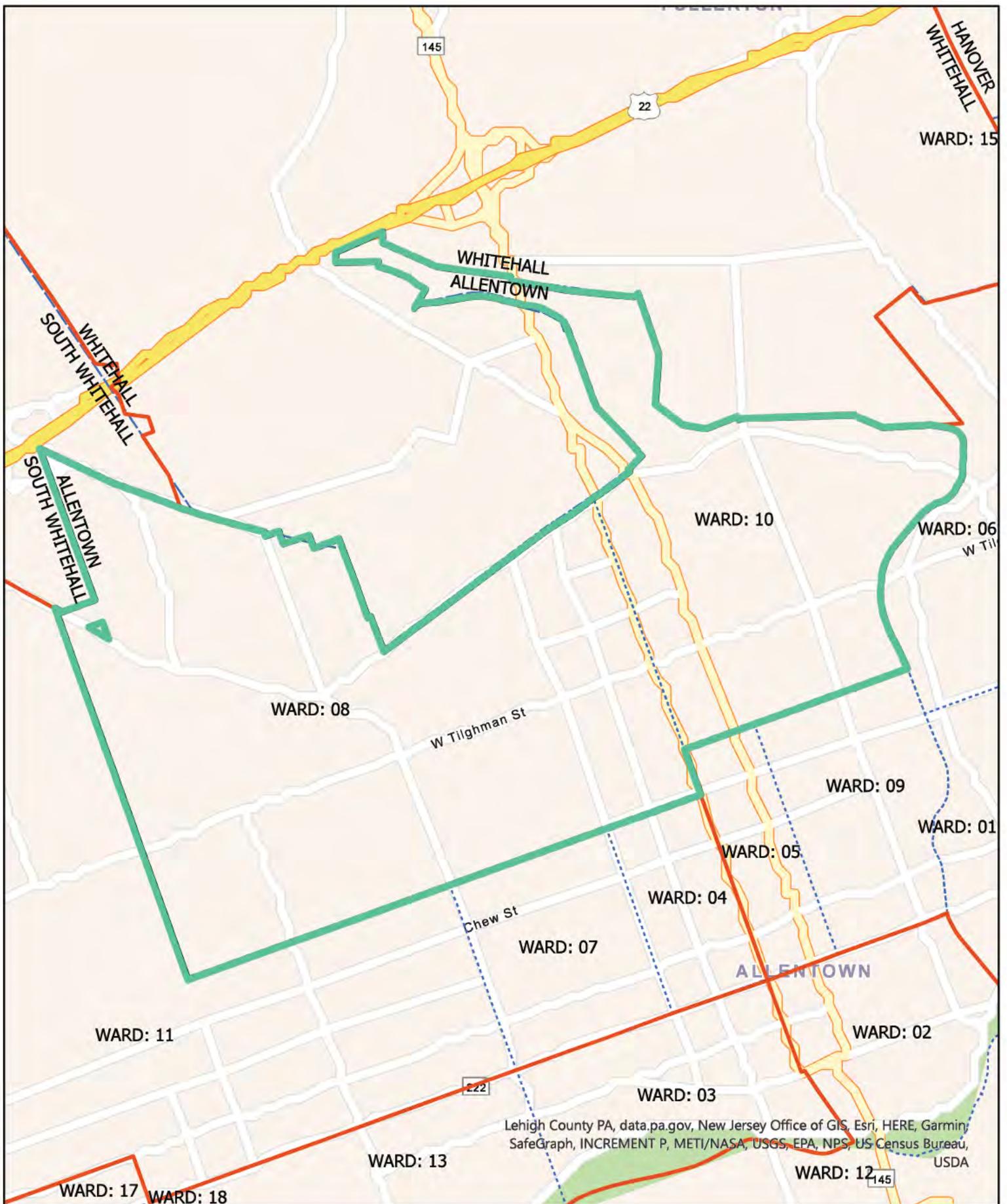
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| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-3-02 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 9,438 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 3,413 | 1 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 4519 | 92% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 58,730 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 10,648 | 22% |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| On average, 42% of all criminal cases filed in this magisterial district are held in Central Court. In addition, to equalize the workload, it is planned to reassign a portion of I-78 traffic citations to DC 31-1-08. | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | |
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| <p>10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:</p> <p>Michael John Ralph Faulkner</p> <p><i>Magisterial District Judge Name Birthdate Term Expiration Date Mandatory Retirement Date</i></p> | |
| <p>11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:</p> <p>5925 Tilghman Street, Suite 500, Allentown, PA 18104</p> | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | Yes |
| 15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below. | No/Not Sure |
| <p>16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's Office, State Police Fogelsville and Bethlehem, Berks County Regional, Alburtis Borough</p> | |
| <p>17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Routes 22, 100, 309, 222, I-78</p> | |
| <p>18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.</p> <p>Alburtis Borough, Lower Macungie Voting Districts 130101, 130102, 130104, 130105, 130106, 130107, 130110, Upper Macungie Township</p> | |
| 19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically). | No |
| <p>Alburtis Borough, Lower Macungie (All voting districts), Upper Macungie Township</p> | |
| 20. Additional Comments: | |
| <p>Propose realign boundaries to include all of Lower Macungie, which will move approximately 560 cases to this District with an increase in workload by 4,474. Considering, on average, 42% of all court criminal cases are held at Central Court, this District will remain within the 15% threshold for judicial district case equity.</p> | |

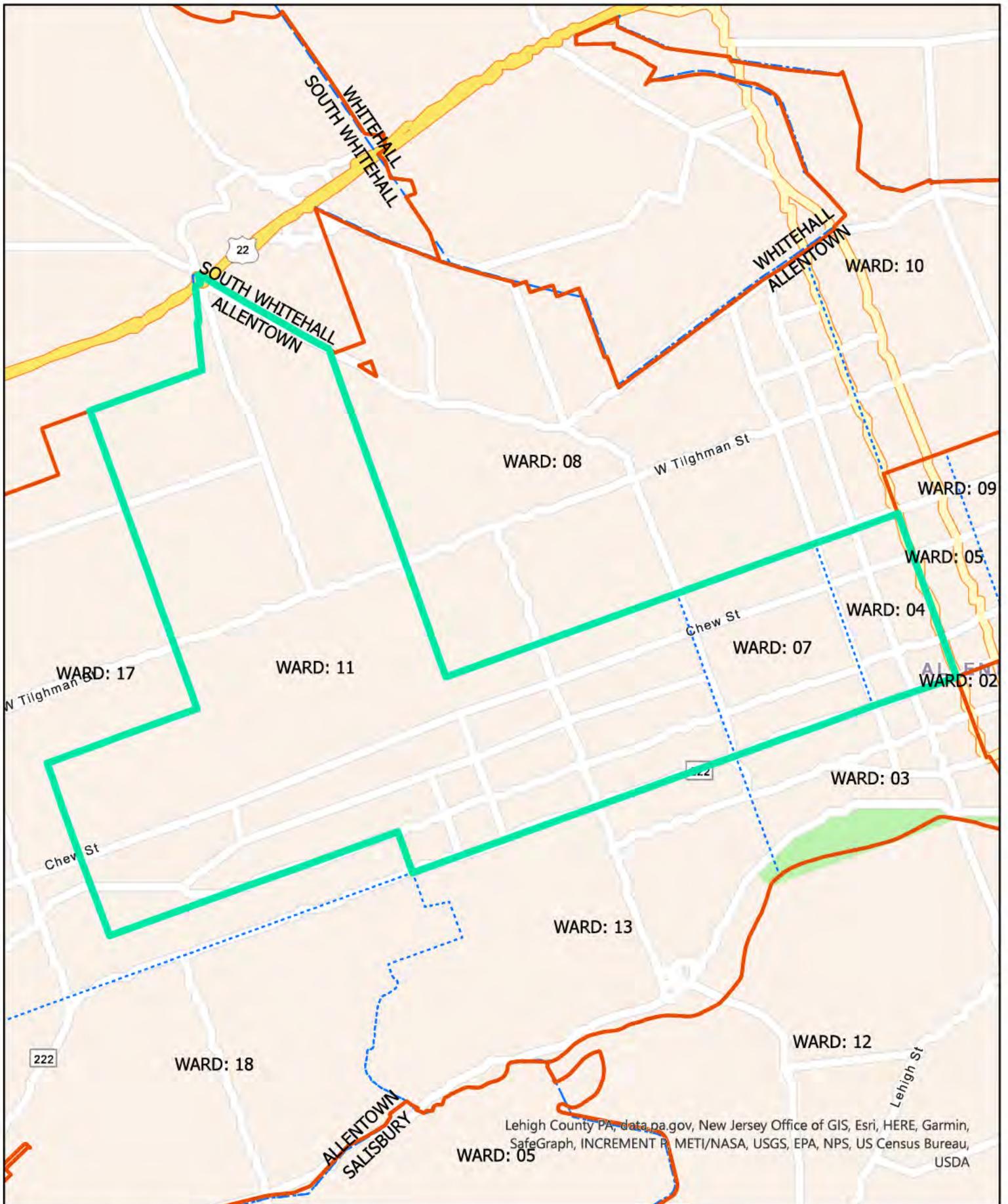
Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheets in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Hover the fields for tips and instructions. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint.

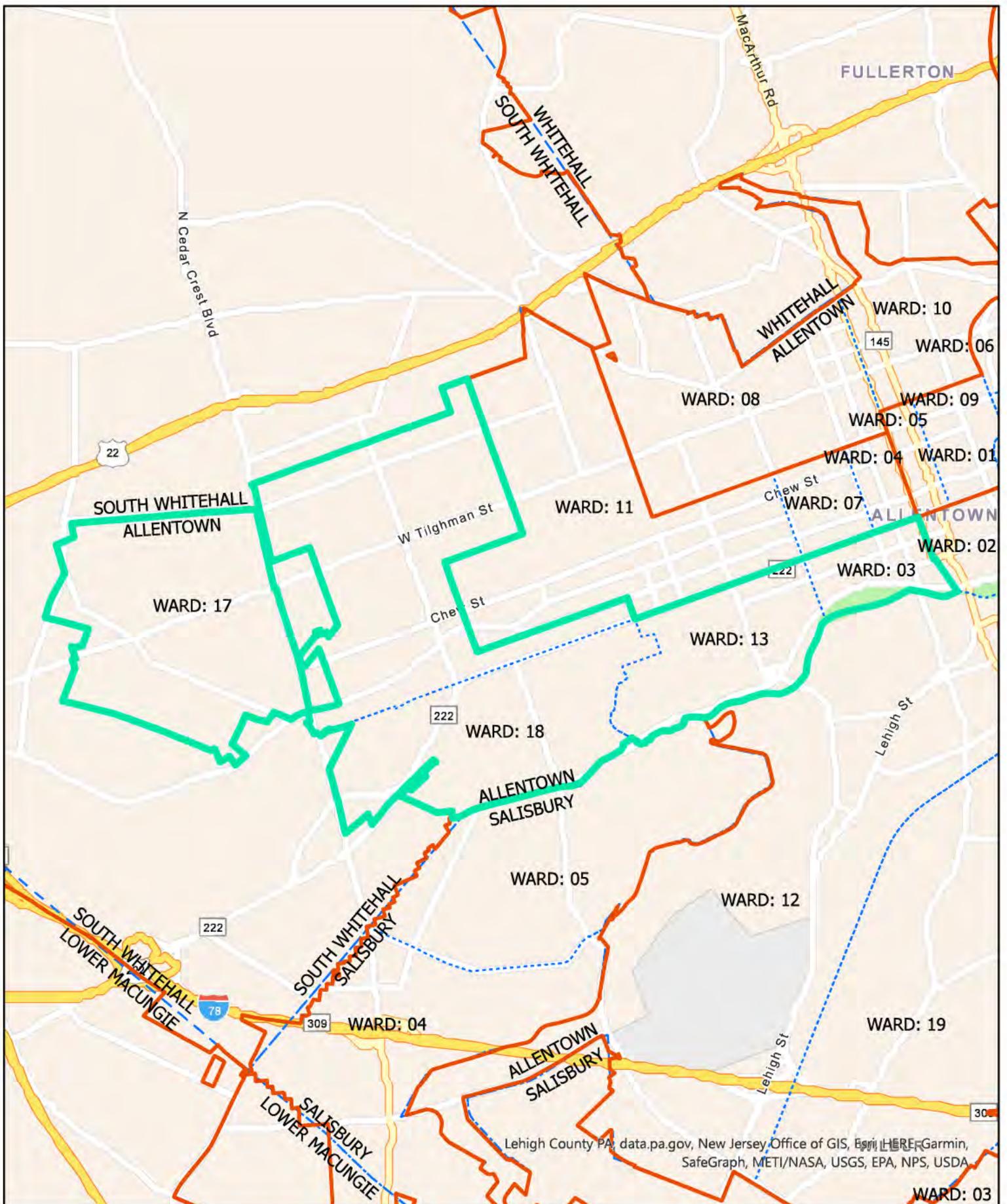
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|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Magisterial District Court Number: 31-3-03 | | County: Lehigh | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 3,687 | B. 6,025 | C. 4,919 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -2,338 | 13 out of 14 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -1,233 | -25% |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 23,614 | B. 48,082 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -24,468 | -51 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| N/A | | | |



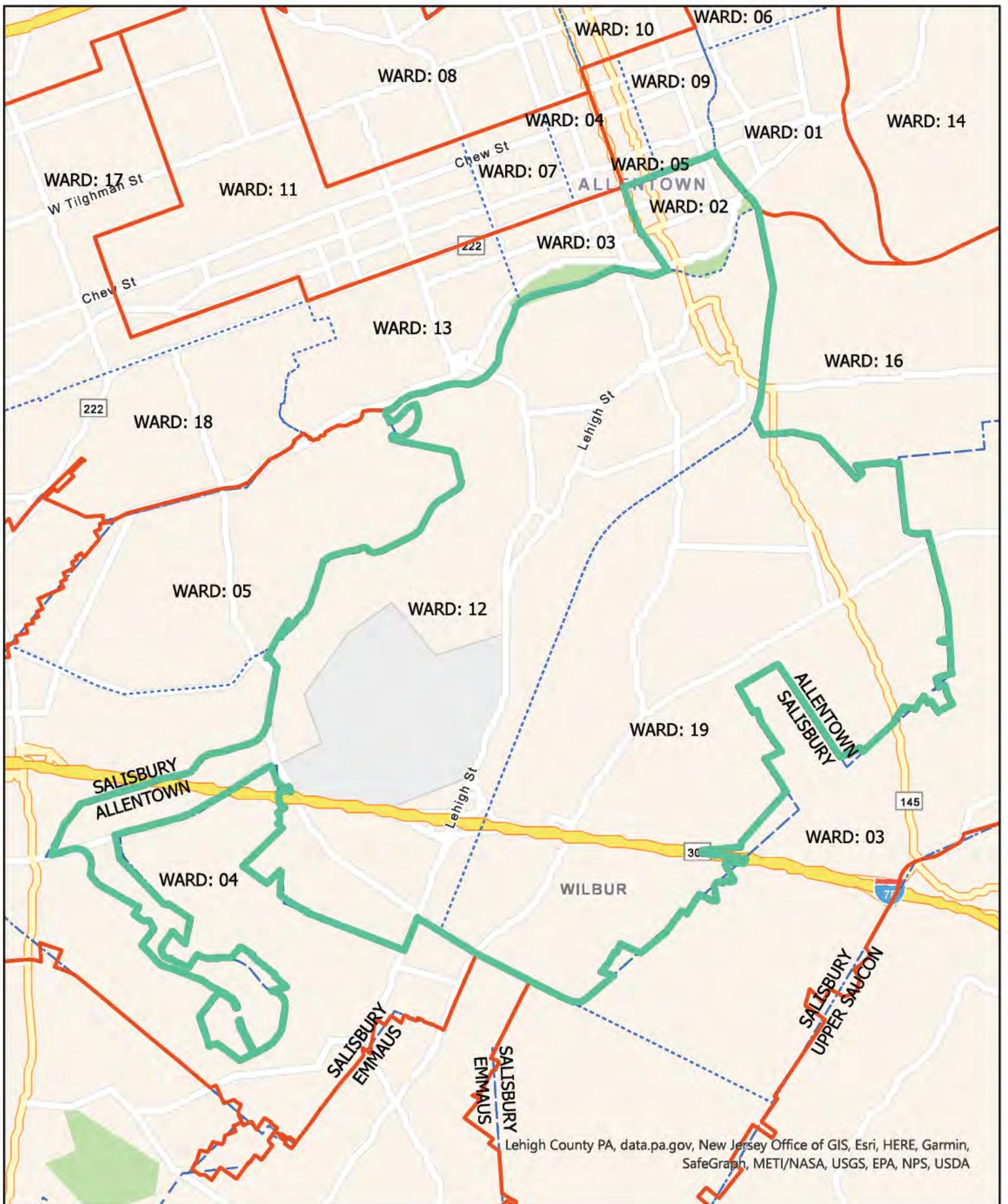
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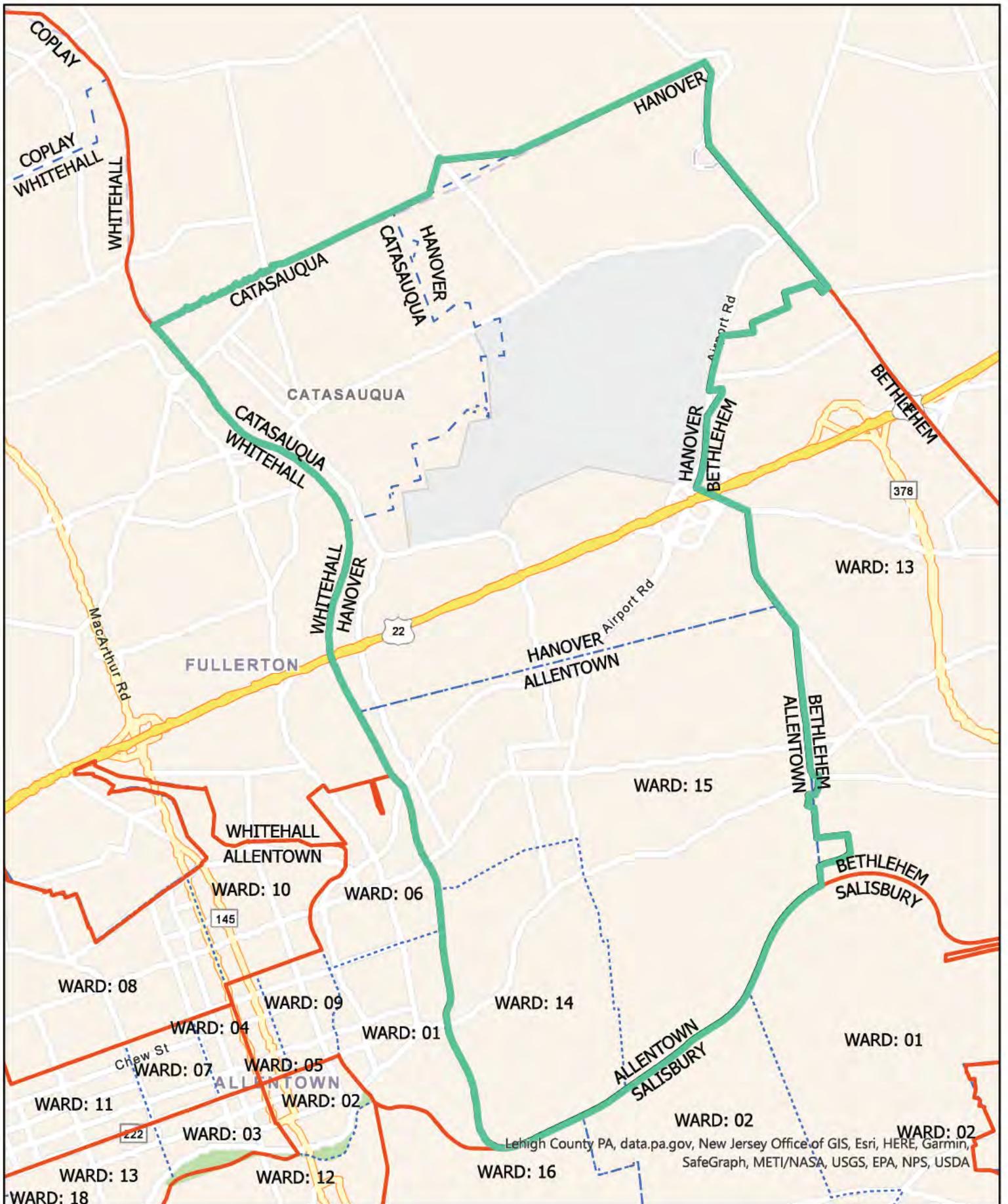
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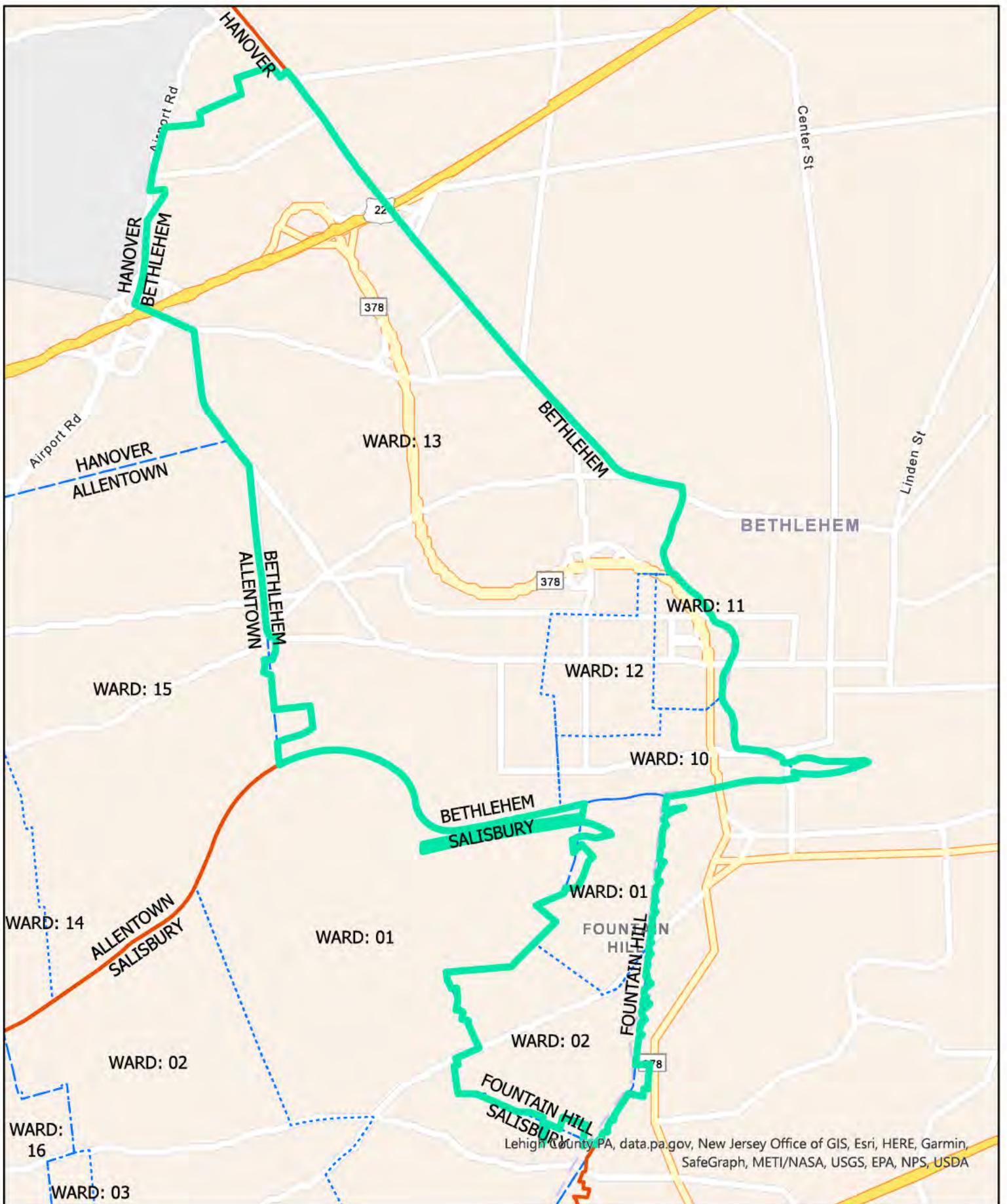
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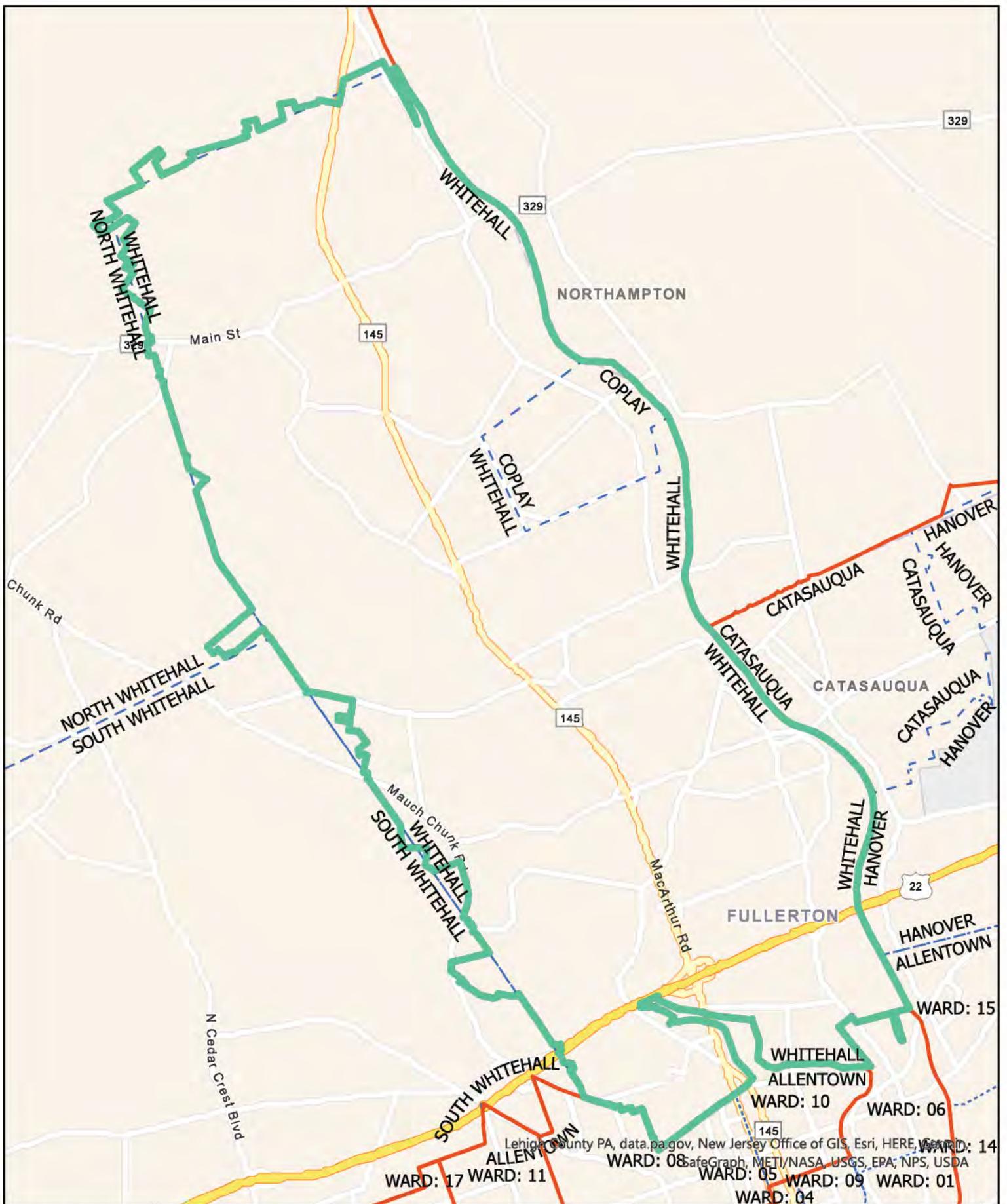
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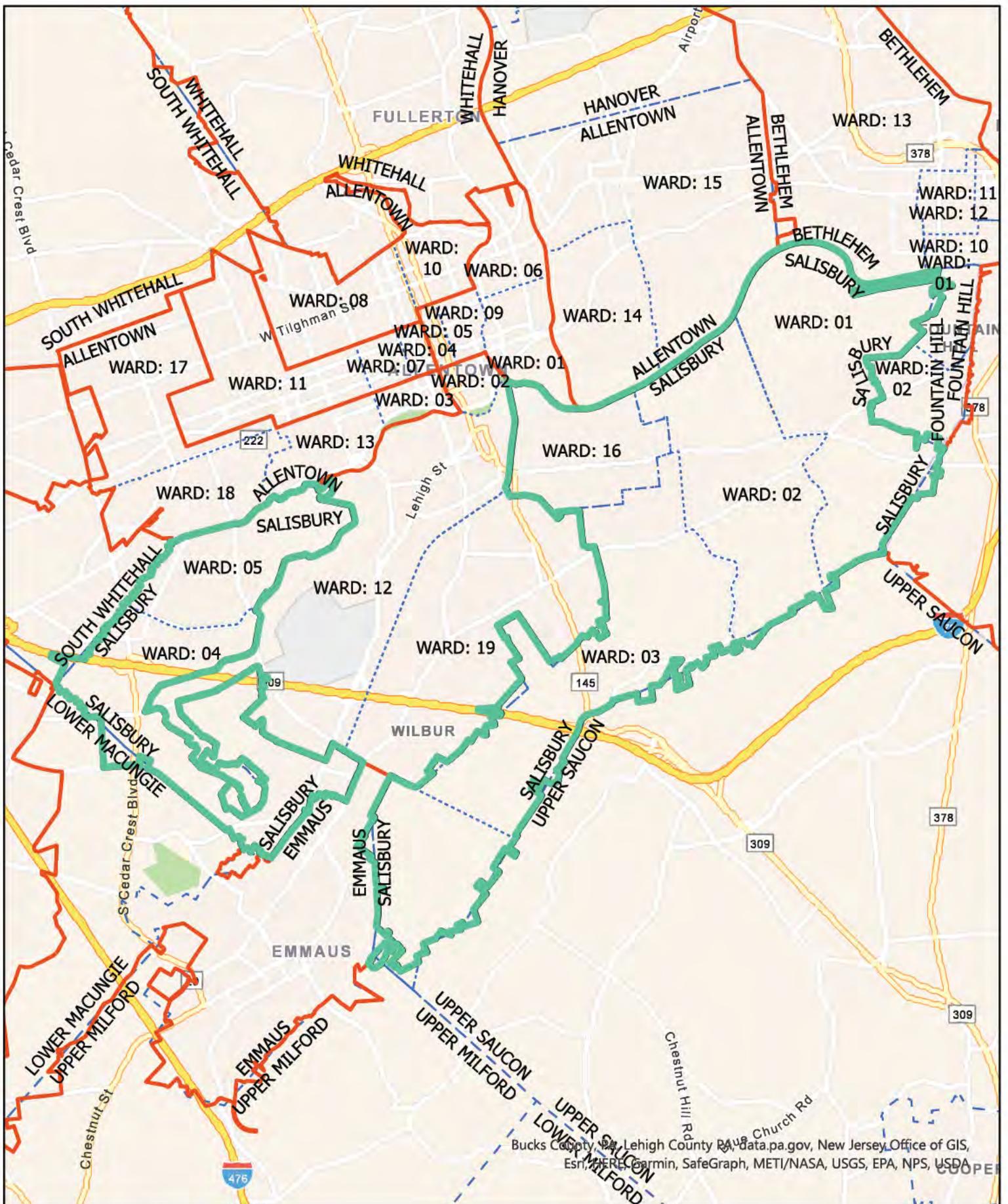
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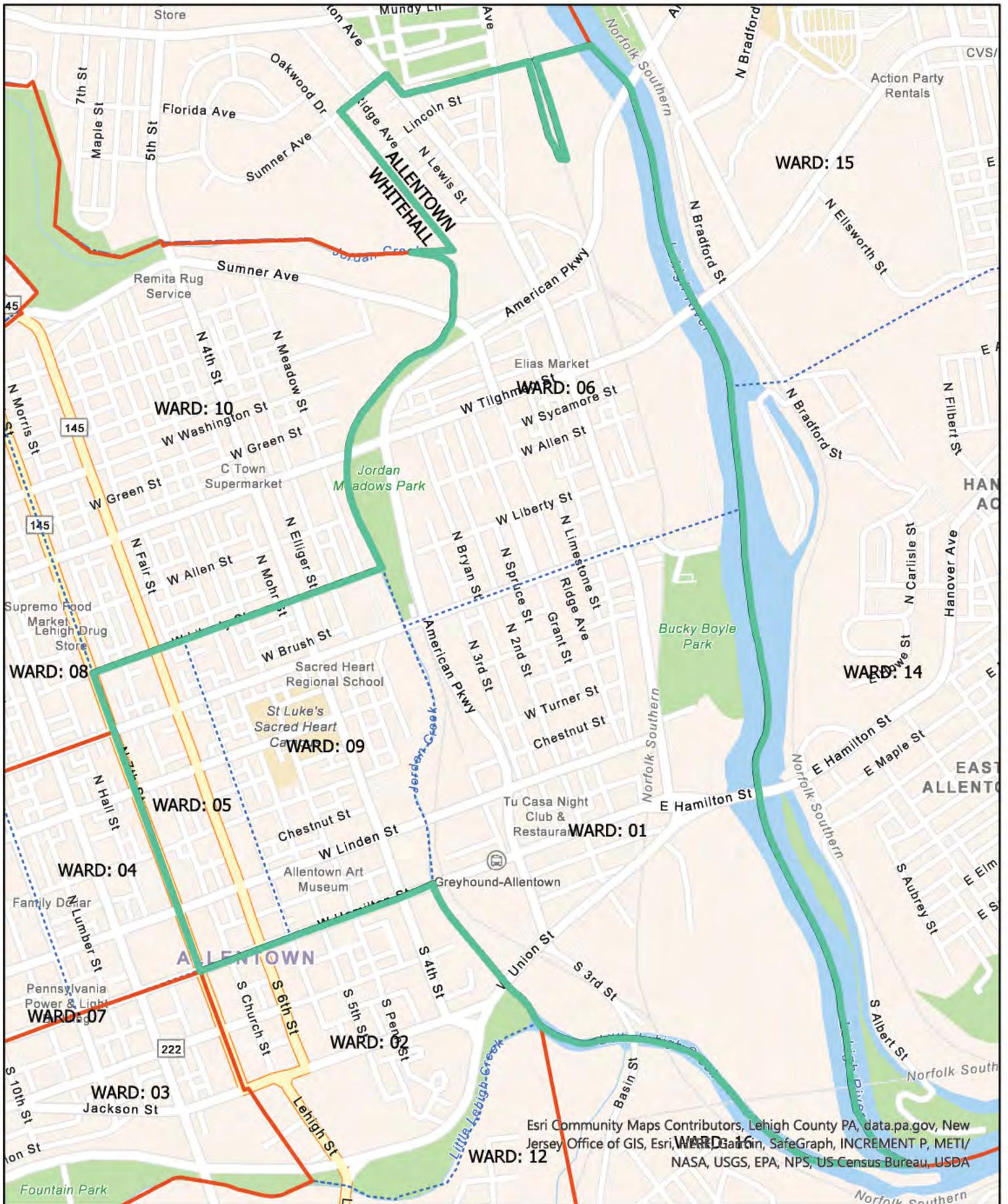
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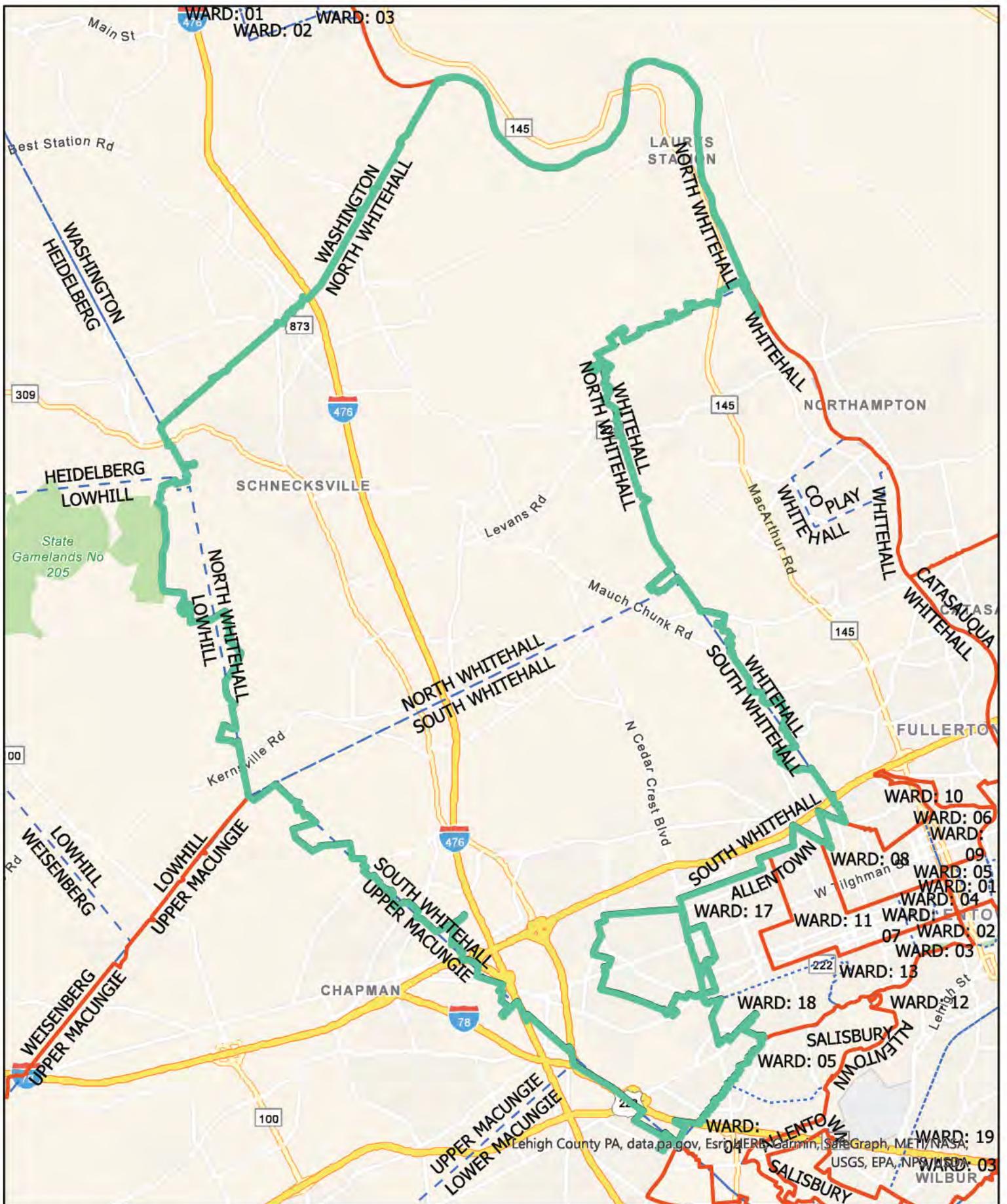


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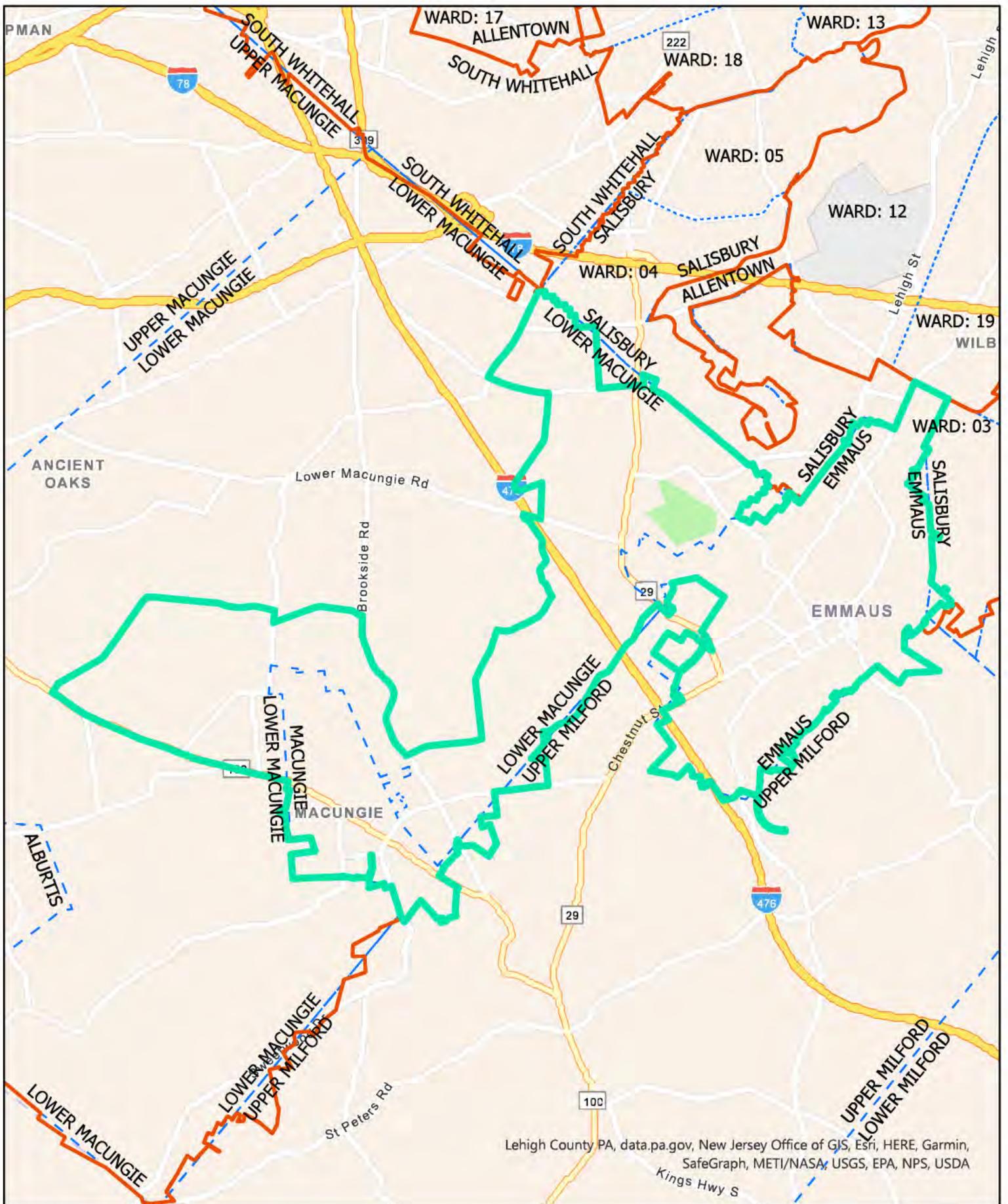


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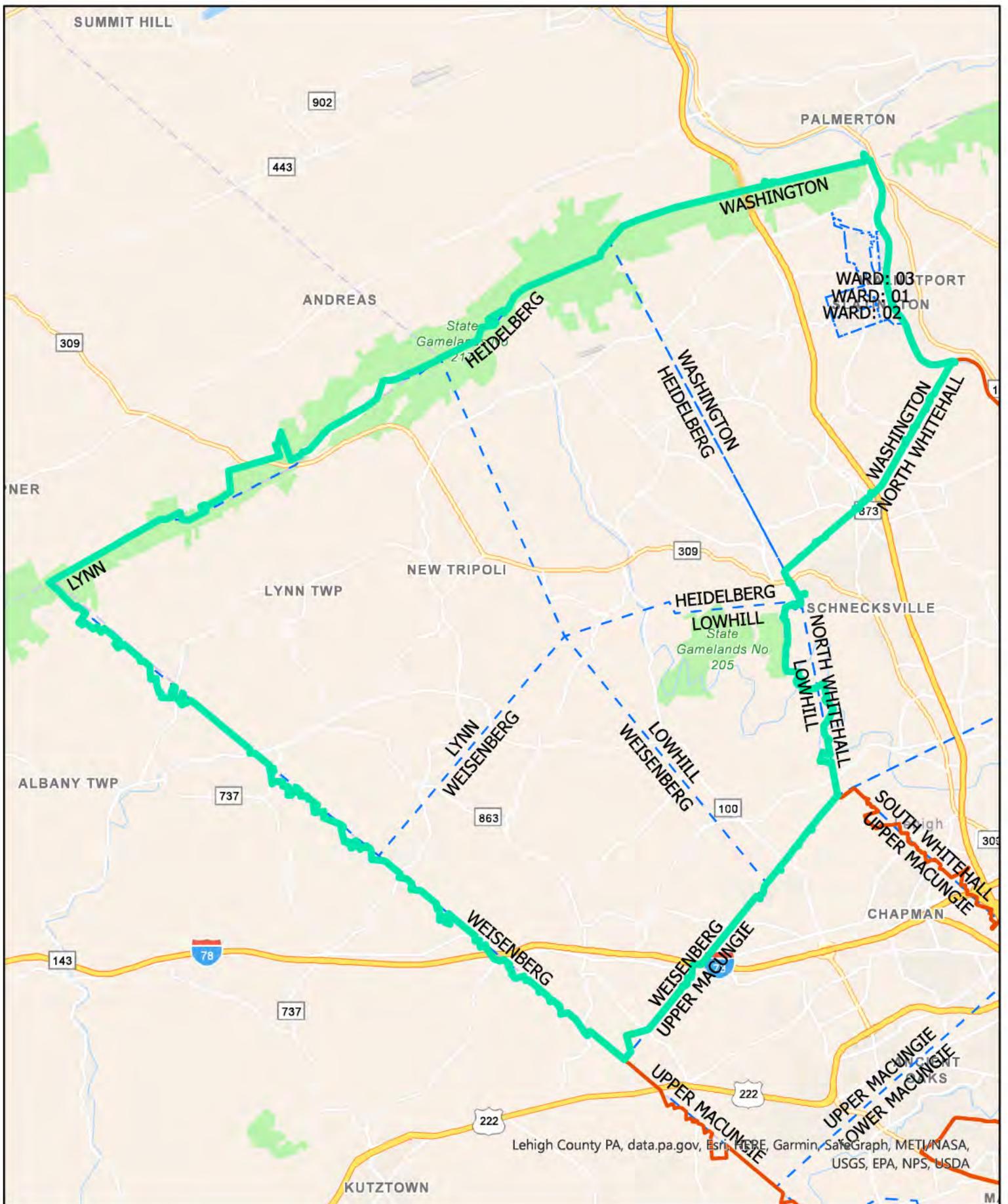
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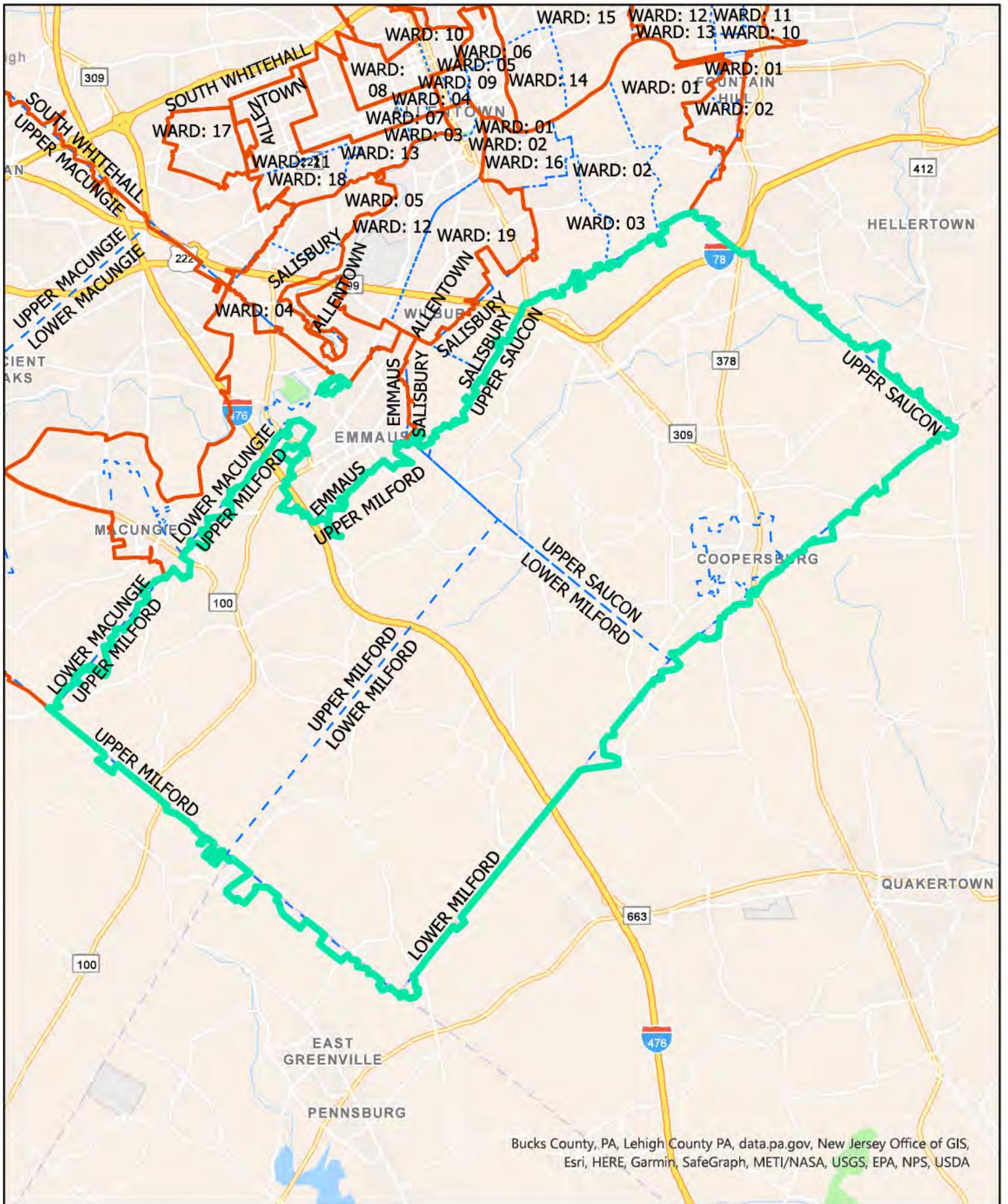
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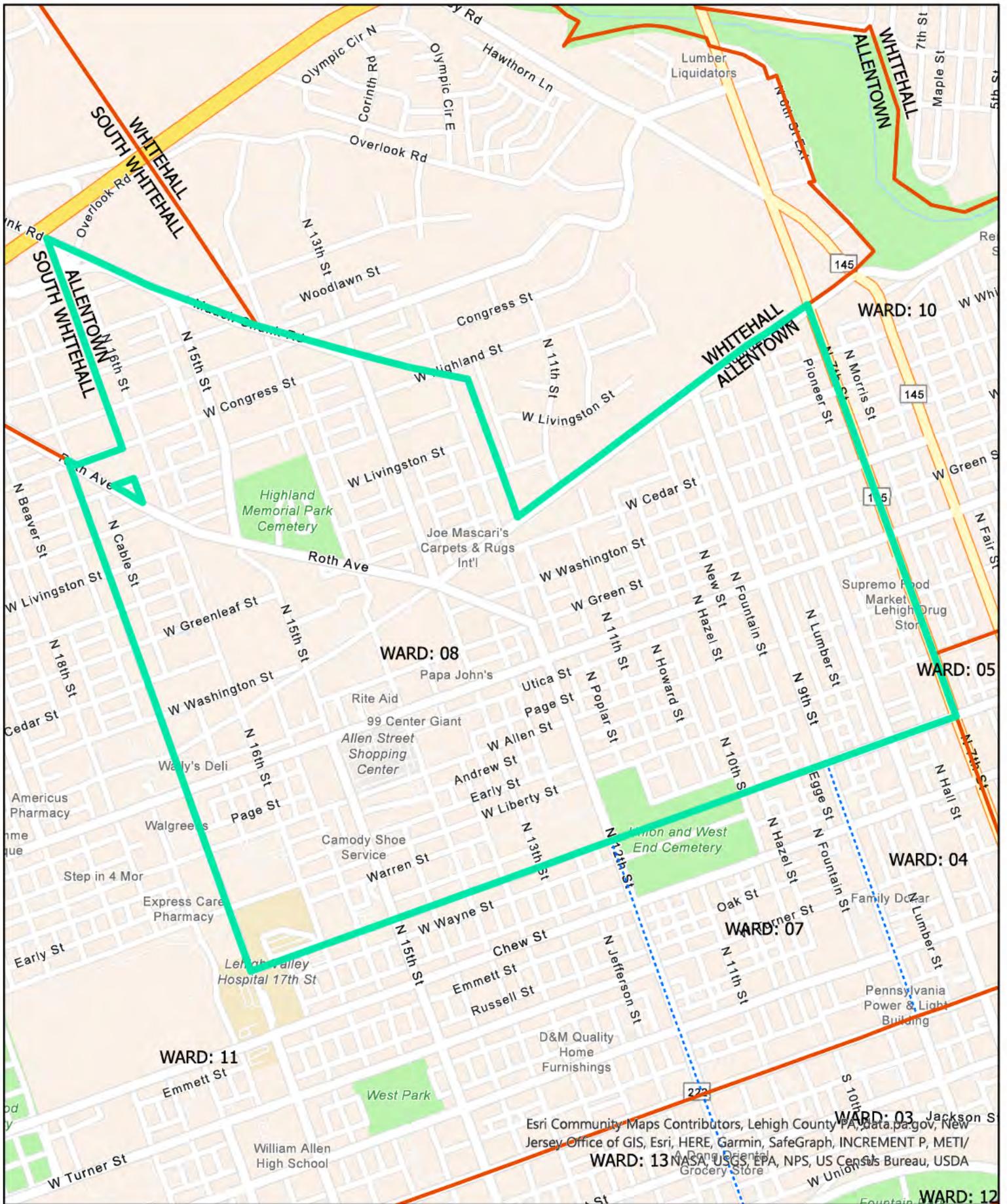
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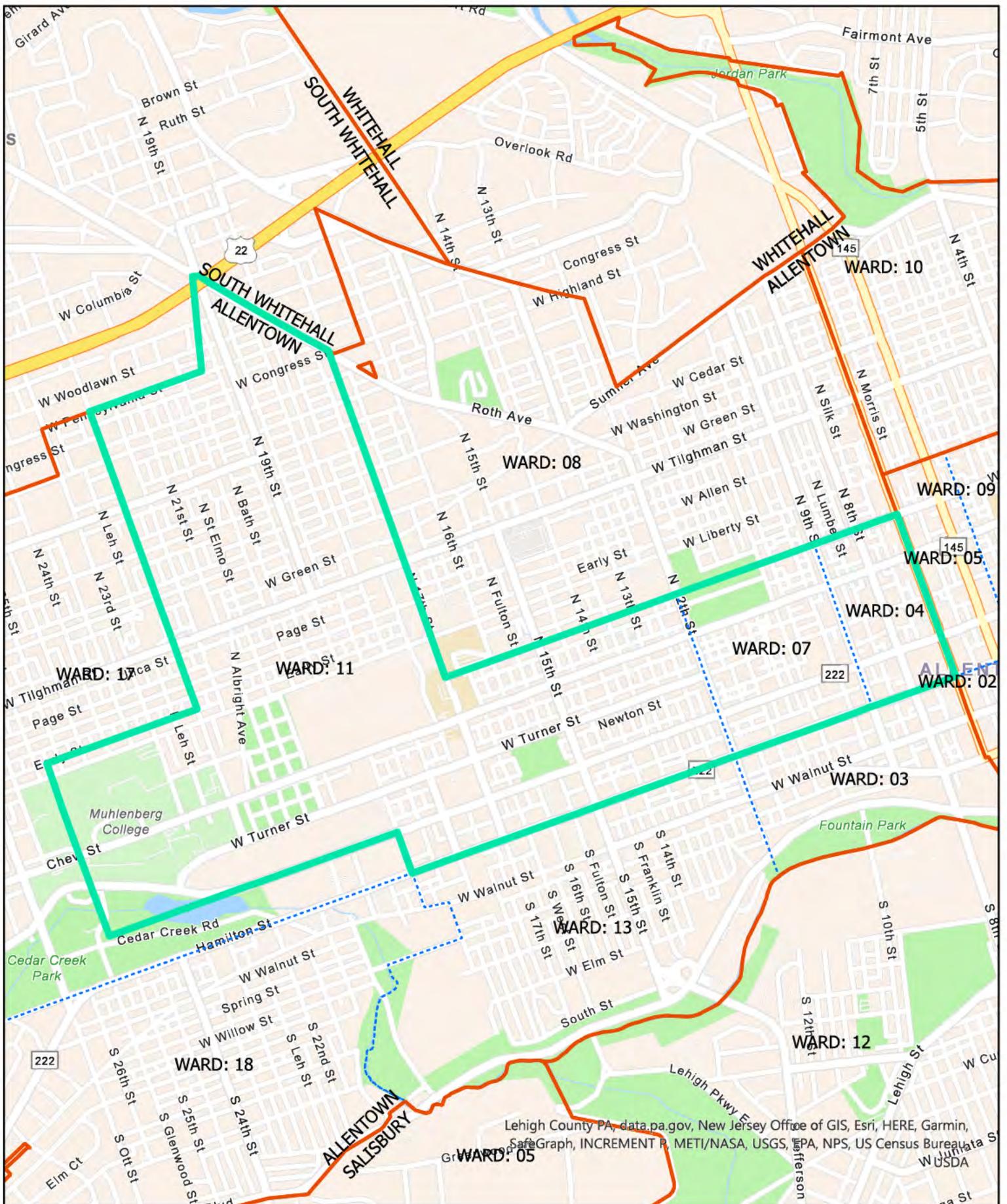
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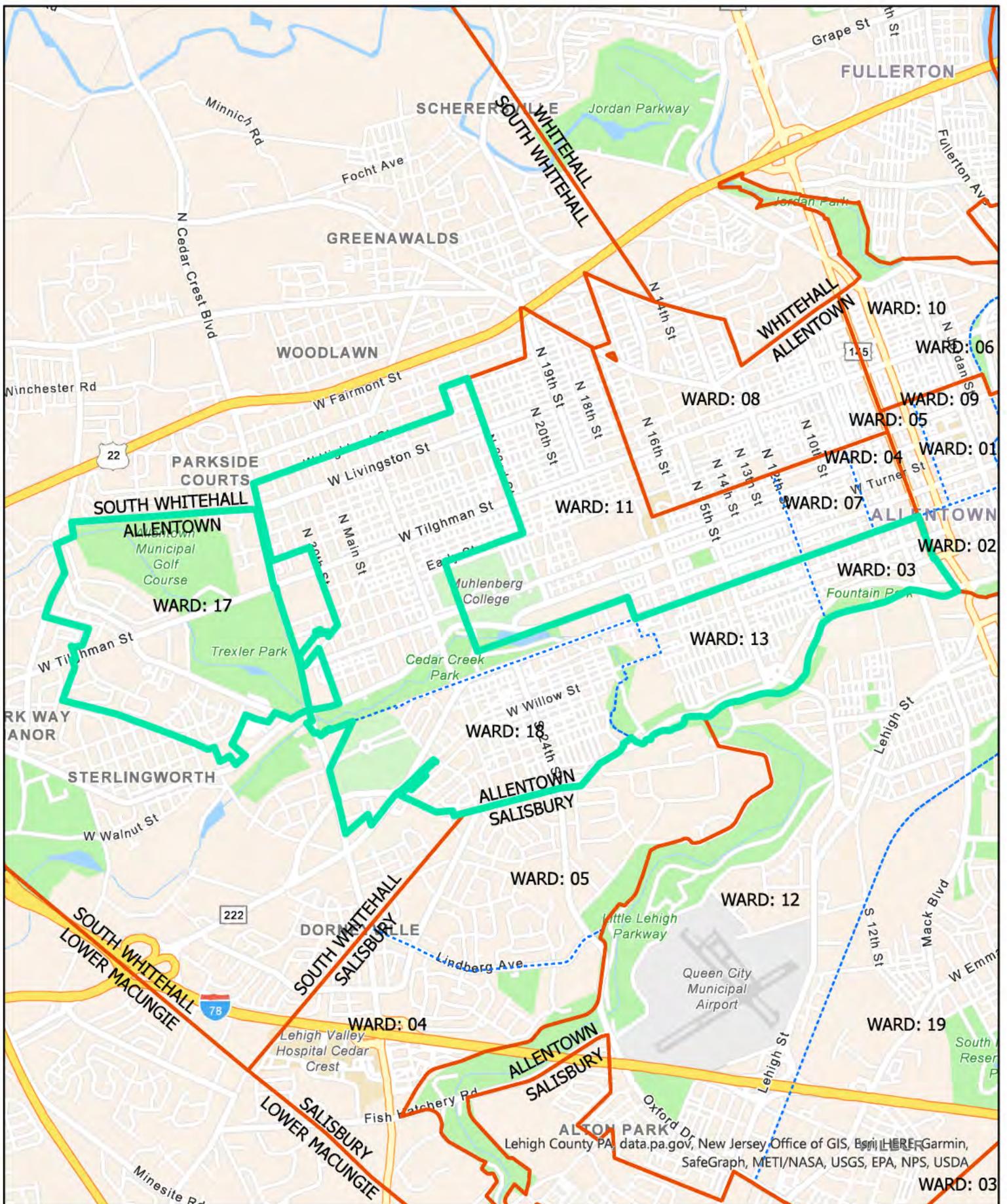


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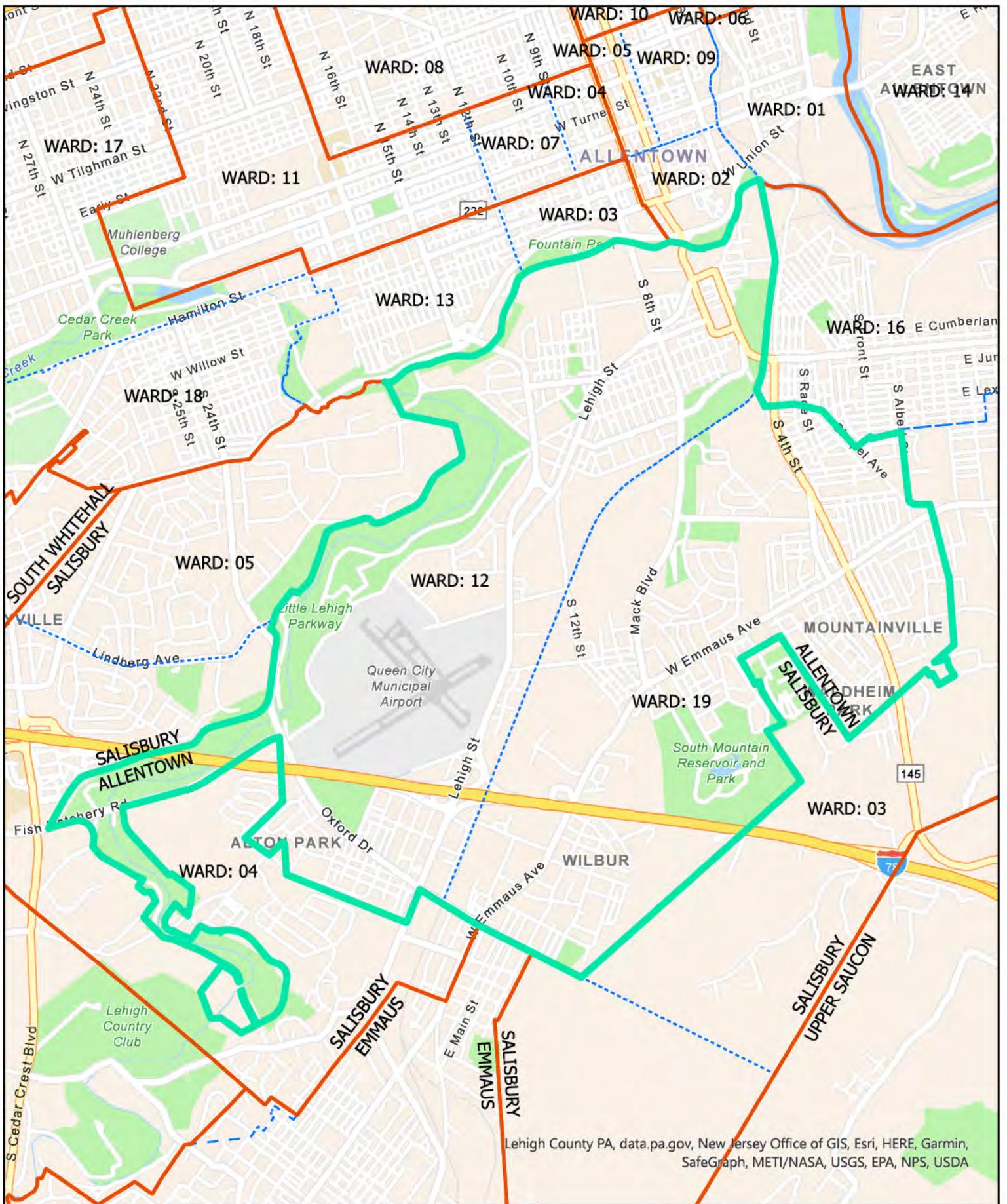
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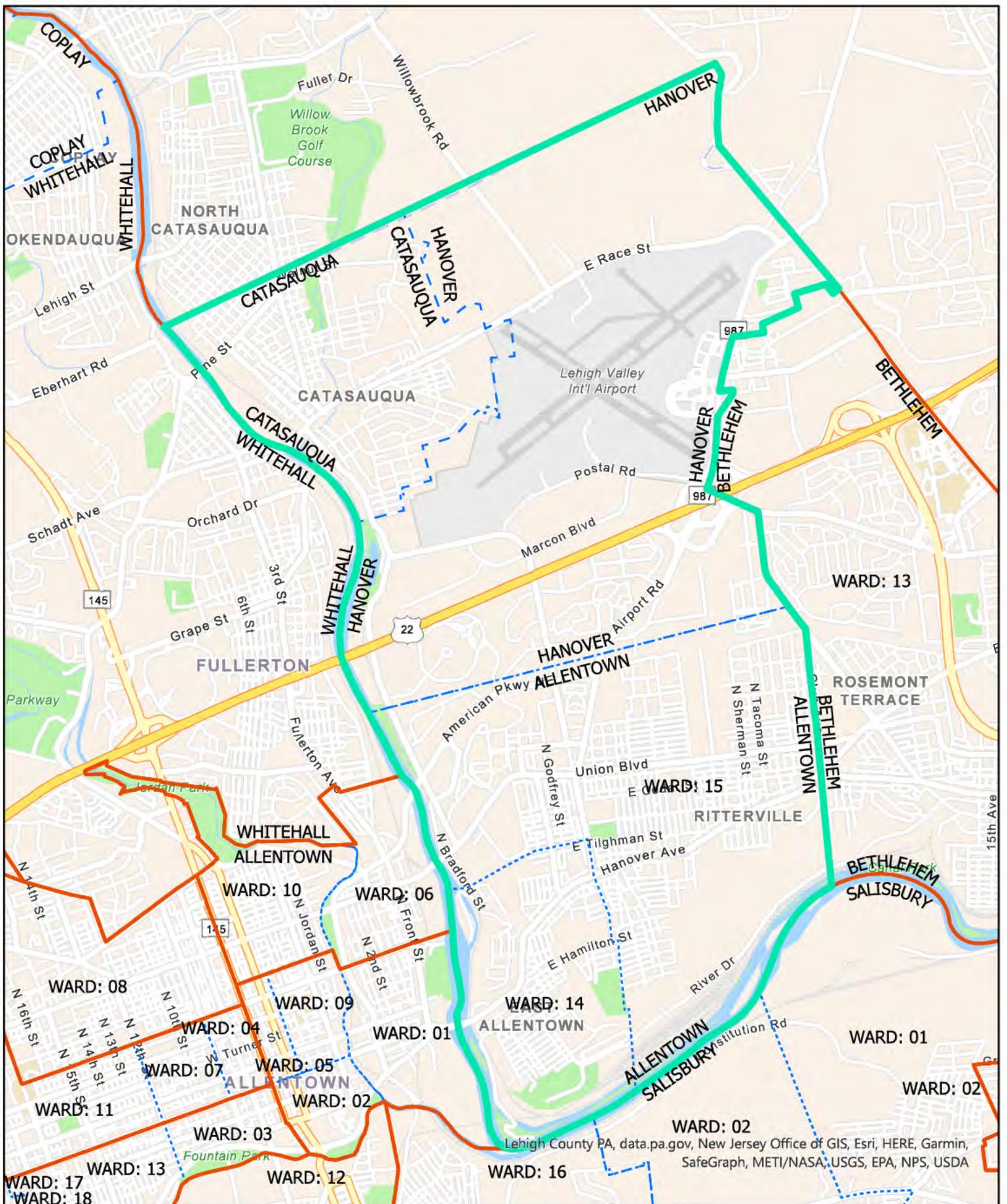


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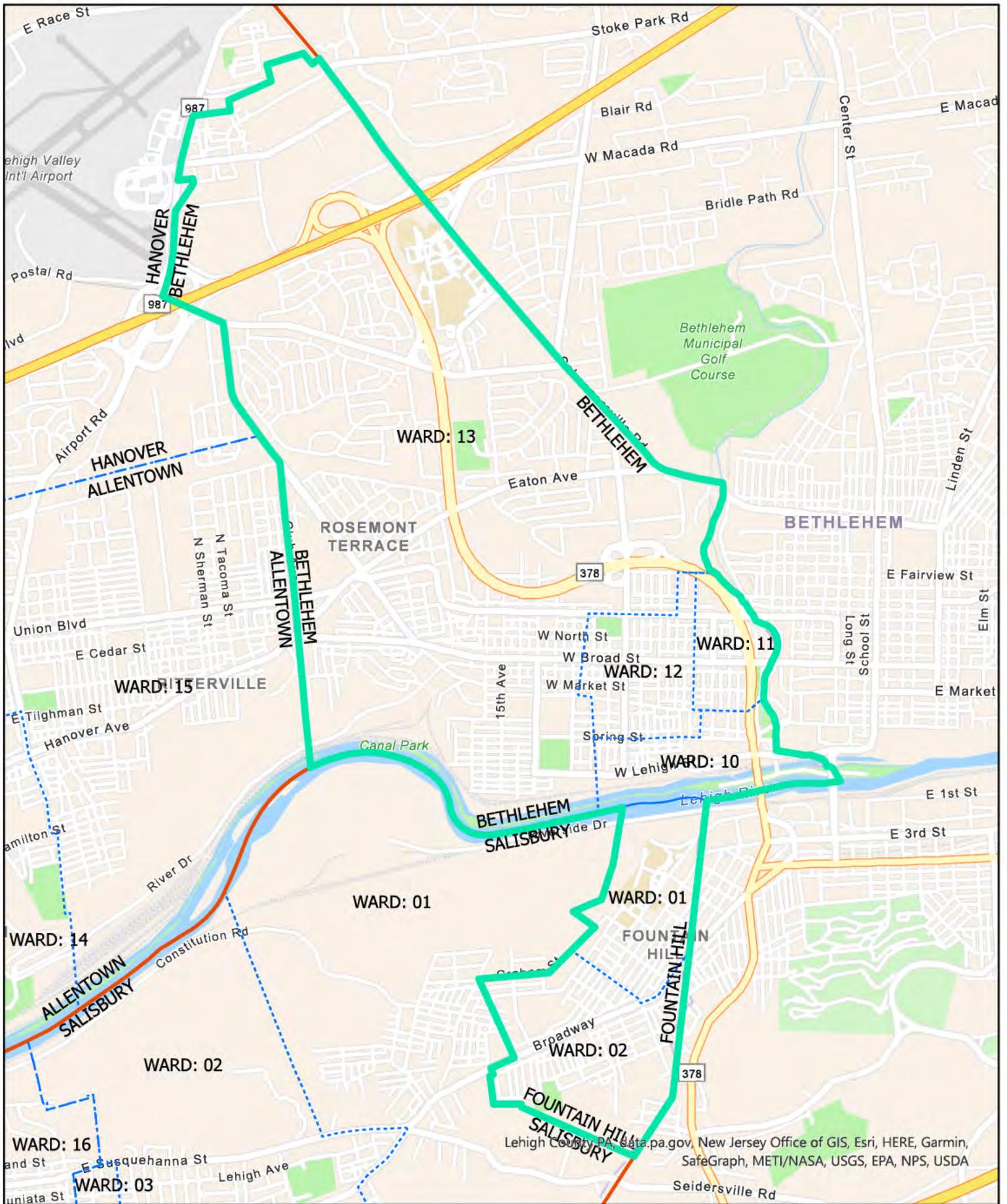


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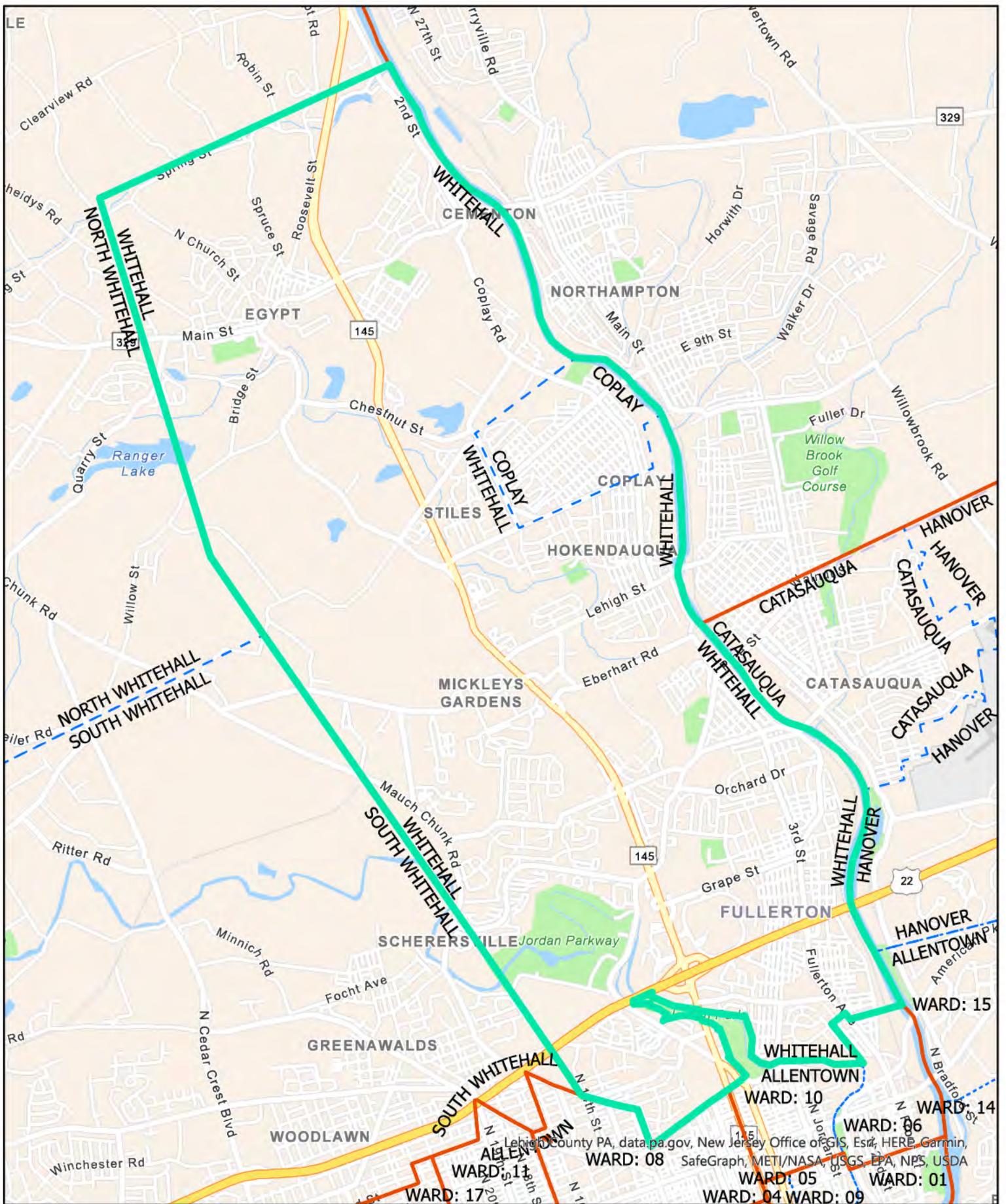
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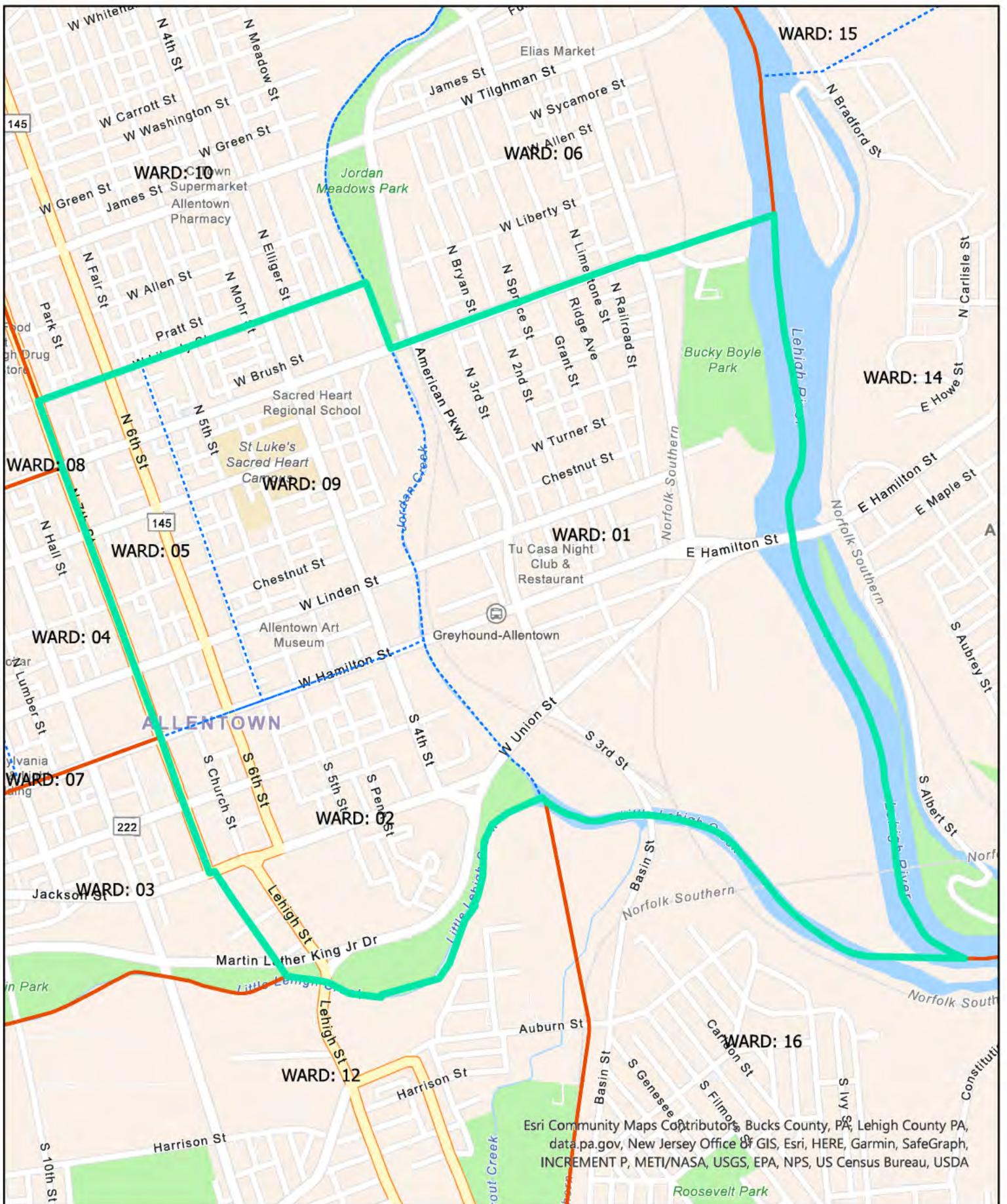


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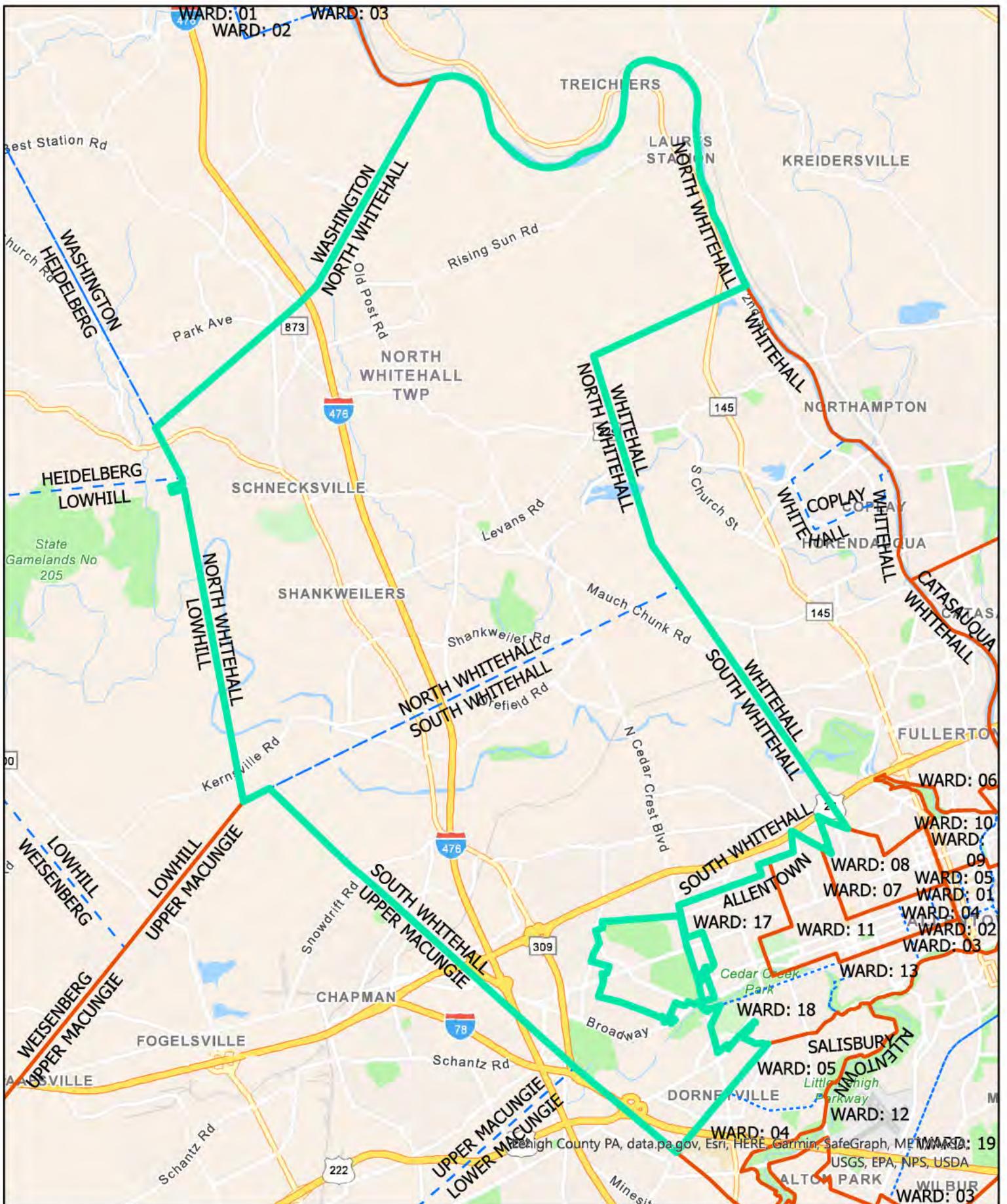


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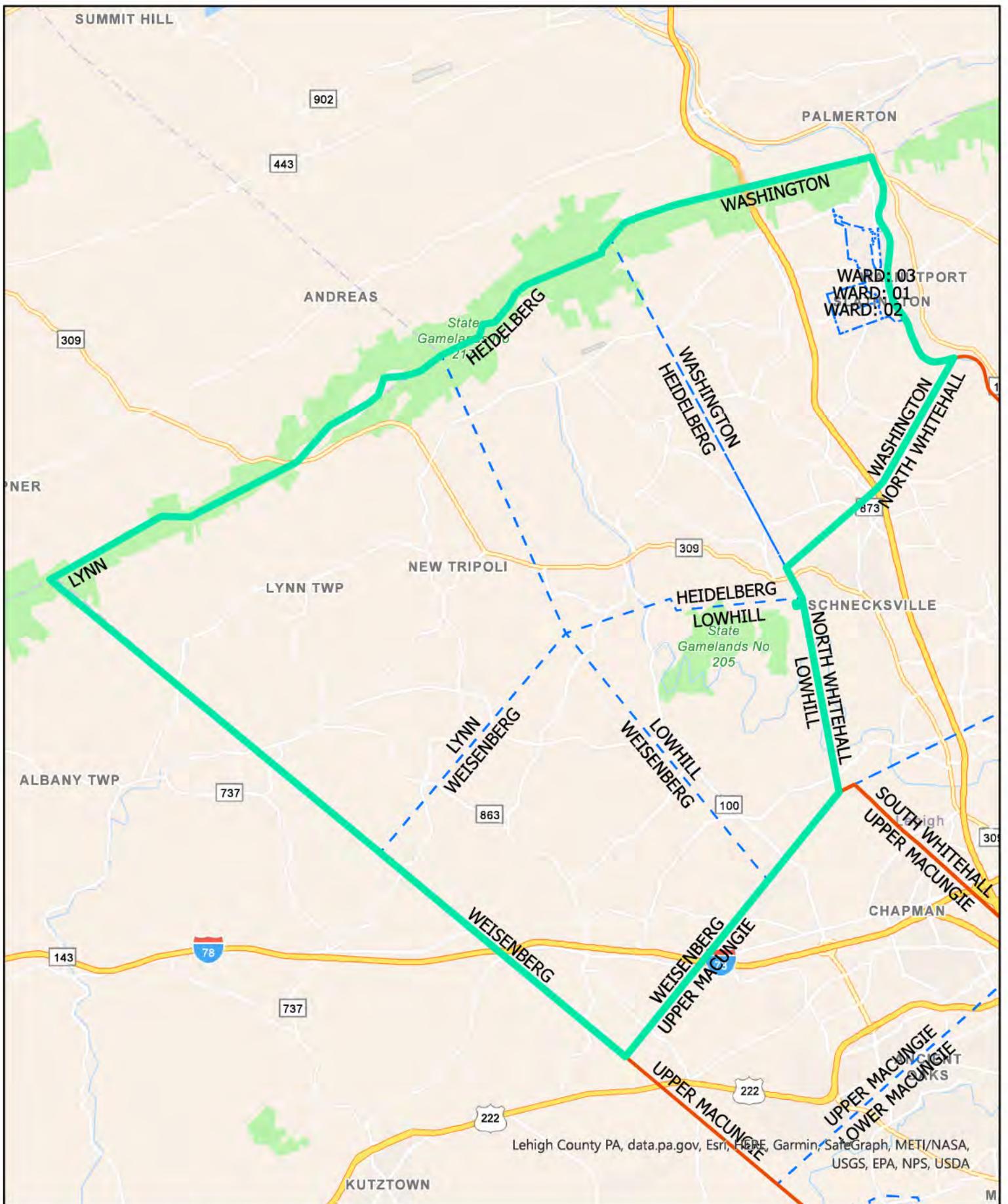


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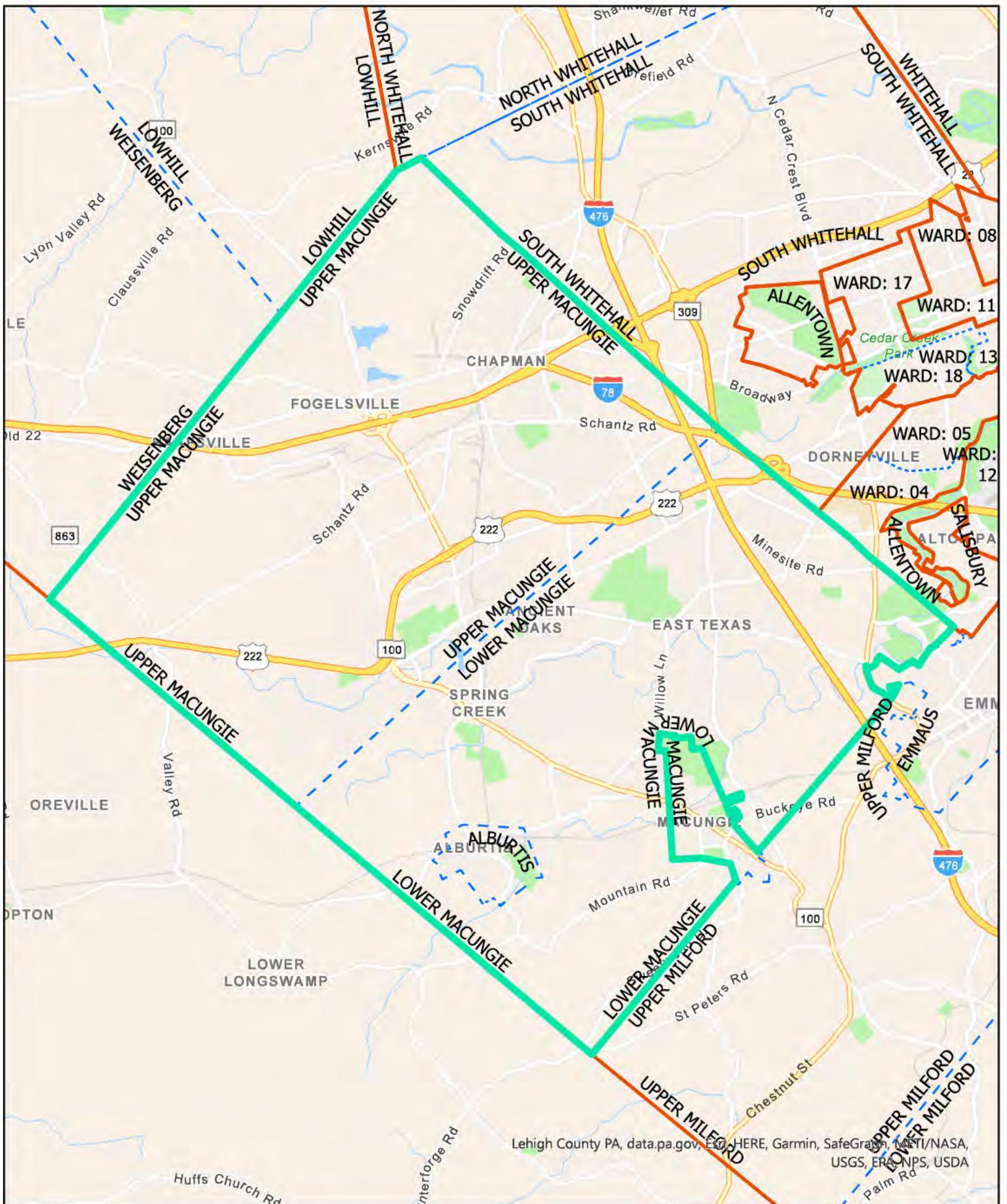
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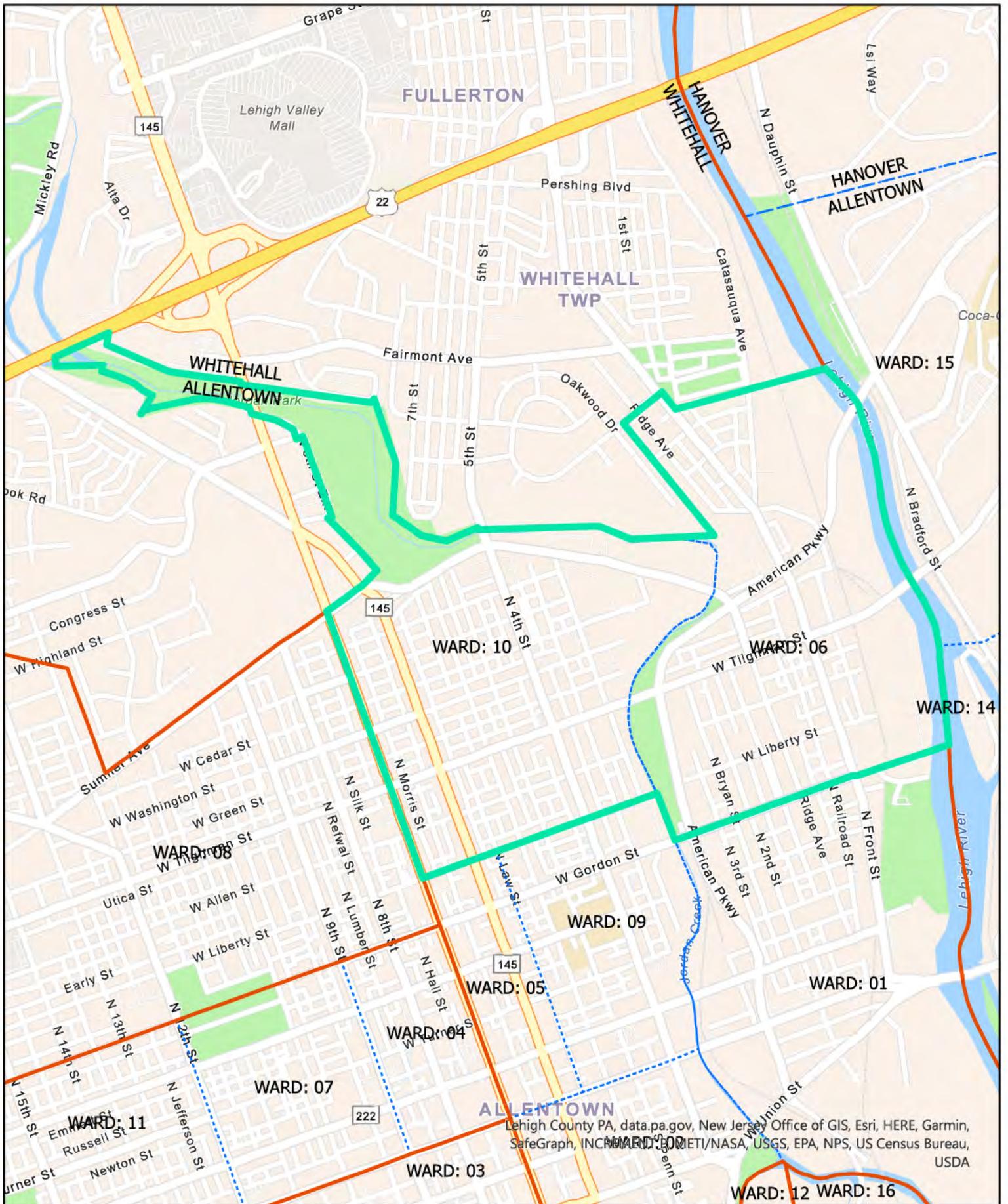
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District: 31-3-01 Proposed



District: 31-3-02 Proposed



District: New Proposed



Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County
Lehigh County Courthouse | 455 W. Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 25, 2022

CONTACT:Carolynn Perry, MDJ Administrator

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610-782-3229

LEHIGH COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT PROPOSED
RE-ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Lehigh County, PA- As required by 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 1503, in each year following that in which the Federal decennial census is officially reported as required by Federal law the court shall reestablish the number, boundaries and classes of magisterial districts within each judicial district. As required by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, each judicial district will advertise the proposed reestablishment plan for 30 days to provide an opportunity for public comments.

The proposed reestablishment plan for Lehigh County Magisterial Districts may be viewed at

<https://www.lccpa.org/mdreestab>.

Submit all comments to Carolynn Perry, Magisterial District Judge Administrator, Lehigh County Courthouse, 455 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.

The deadline for submitting comments is February 24, 2022.

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| Average Case Filings per Magisterial District (2014 - 2020) | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Docket Type | 31-1-01 | 31-1-02 | 31-1-03 | 31-1-04 | 31-1-05 | 31-1-06 | 31-1-07 |
| | Caseload |
| Civil | 203 | 207 | 182 | 487 | 487 | 228 | 353 |
| Landlord/Tenant | 869 | 759 | 498 | 1067 | 529 | 265 | 356 |
| Non-Traffic | 964 | 842 | 773 | 596 | 978 | 423 | 528 |
| Private Summary | 10 | 7 | 21 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 68 |
| Traffic | 6009 | 5085 | 3963 | 2191 | 4525 | 4742 | 3059 |
| Criminal | 705 | 536 | 268 | 413 | 612 | 513 | 609 |
| Private Criminal | 4 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Misc. Docket | 183 | 168 | 169 | 88 | 98 | 58 | 67 |
| TOTAL ALL | 8945 | 7606 | 5874 | 4860 | 7241 | 6234 | 5053 |

| Docket Type | 31-1-08 | 31-2-01 | 31-2-02 | 31-2-03 | 31-3-01 | 31-3-02 | 31-3-03 |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Caseload |
| Civil | 182 | 157 | 340 | 208 | 200 | 359 | 184 |
| Landlord/Tenant | 154 | 554 | 118 | 182 | 101 | 270 | 79 |
| Non-Traffic | 311 | 930 | 930 | 429 | 526 | 532 | 183 |
| Private Summary | 1 | 37 | 89 | 9 | 24 | 4 | 2 |
| Traffic | 3785 | 4396 | 4396 | 2250 | 1794 | 7028 | 2646 |
| Criminal | 269 | 661 | 622 | 200 | 271 | 659 | 237 |
| Private Criminal | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Misc. Docket | 212 | 282 | 82 | 201 | 70 | | 68 |
| TOTAL ALL | 4915 | 7017 | 6577 | 3482 | 2988 | 8856 | 3402 |

| | Criminal | Non-Traffic | Private Criminal | Private Summary | Traffic | Civil | Landlord/Tenant | Misc. Docket | Annual Average Filings per Court |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Class 2 | 678 | 739 | 15 | 266 | 2925 | 286 | 296 | 157 | 5362 |
| Allegheny | 678 | 739 | 15 | 266 | 2925 | 286 | 296 | 157 | 5362 |
| Class 2A | 424 | 582 | 3 | 31 | 3940 | 246 | 230 | 70 | 5525 |
| Bucks | 505 | 496 | 1 | 0.60 | 4139 | 359 | 320 | 83 | 5904 |
| Chester | 420 | 681 | 2 | 44 | 4643 | 233 | 164 | 71 | 6257 |
| Delaware | 345 | 620 | 2 | 42 | 2955 | 193 | 241 | 51 | 4450 |
| Lancaster | 476 | 559 | 7 | 46 | 3694 | 192 | 225 | 82 | 5281 |
| Montgomery | 373 | 551 | 1 | 21 | 4270 | 255 | 200 | 63 | 5733 |
| Class 3 | 448 | 578 | 10 | 99 | 3195 | 251 | 254 | 84 | 4919 |
| Berks | 418 | 936 | 1 | 43 | 3420 | 248 | 278 | 155 | 5500 |
| Cumberland | 472 | 458 | 2 | 79 | 4183 | 239 | 175 | 75 | 5683 |
| Dauphin | 604 | 562 | 10 | 68 | 3617 | 255 | 461 | 93 | 5669 |
| Erie | 414 | 698 | 14 | 135 | 2027 | 207 | 234 | 62 | 3791 |
| Lackawanna | 416 | 452 | 11 | 104 | 2557 | 269 | 160 | 56 | 4026 |
| Lehigh | 490 | 644 | 4 | 23 | 4017 | 277 | 440 | 130 | 6025 |
| Luzerne | 437 | 652 | 14 | 77 | 2983 | 293 | 145 | 68 | 4668 |
| Northampton | 347 | 395 | 6 | 56 | 2776 | 217 | 201 | 83 | 4081 |
| Westmoreland | 406 | 368 | 36 | 162 | 3103 | 224 | 107 | 57 | 4462 |
| York | 480 | 612 | 0.96 | 239 | 3266 | 282 | 340 | 65 | 5284 |

| Average Annual Workload per MDC/County = Total Workload/# of years (6, 3 for MD)/# of commissioned MDJs | | | | | | | | | Workload Range | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| County/MDC | Criminal | Non-Traffic | Private Criminal | Private Summary | Traffic | Civil | Landlord/Tenant | Misc. Docket | 15% Below | Total Workload | 15% Above |
| Lehigh | 17983 | 6916 | 44 | 246 | 9158 | 3123 | 6369 | 4244 | 40870 | 48082 | 55294 |
| 31-0-01 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 31-1-01 | 27467 | 11112 | 43 | 113 | 11724 | 2305 | 13539 | 5961 | 61423 | 72263 | 83102 |
| 31-1-02 | 20679 | 9886 | 11 | 86 | 10213 | 2386 | 11517 | 5462 | 51203 | 60239 | 69274 |
| 31-1-03 | 10202 | 9163 | 2 | 215 | 8848 | 2083 | 7612 | 5504 | 37084 | 43629 | 50173 |
| 31-1-04 | 16071 | 6913 | 183 | 38 | 4699 | 5779 | 16500 | 2878 | 45101 | 53060 | 61019 |
| 31-1-05 | 23292 | 11395 | 70 | 75 | 10206 | 5563 | 8056 | 3182 | 52563 | 61839 | 71114 |
| 31-1-06 | 19156 | 4674 | 16 | 40 | 11244 | 2641 | 4098 | 1889 | 37193 | 43757 | 50321 |
| 31-1-07 | 23410 | 6082 | 166 | 850 | 6992 | 4051 | 5500 | 2194 | 41858 | 49245 | 56632 |
| 31-1-08 | 10080 | 3514 | 16 | 7 | 9974 | 2074 | 2387 | 6905 | 29713 | 34957 | 40200 |
| 31-2-01 | 25147 | 10737 | 9 | 449 | 9133 | 1732 | 8401 | 9186 | 55074 | 64793 | 74512 |
| 31-2-02 | 23972 | 4604 | 7 | 1110 | 11634 | 4048 | 1800 | 2682 | 42378 | 49857 | 57335 |
| 31-2-03 | 7436 | 4837 | 14 | 106 | 5568 | 2484 | 2877 | 6536 | 25378 | 29857 | 34335 |
| 31-3-01 | 10540 | 6037 | 22 | 283 | 4338 | 2286 | 1511 | 2290 | 23210 | 27306 | 31402 |
| 31-3-02 | 25001 | 5800 | 34 | 52 | 17053 | 4106 | 4165 | 2519 | 49920 | 58730 | 67539 |
| 31-3-03 | 9297 | 2066 | 18 | 20 | 6593 | 2188 | 1207 | 2225 | 20072 | 23614 | 27156 |

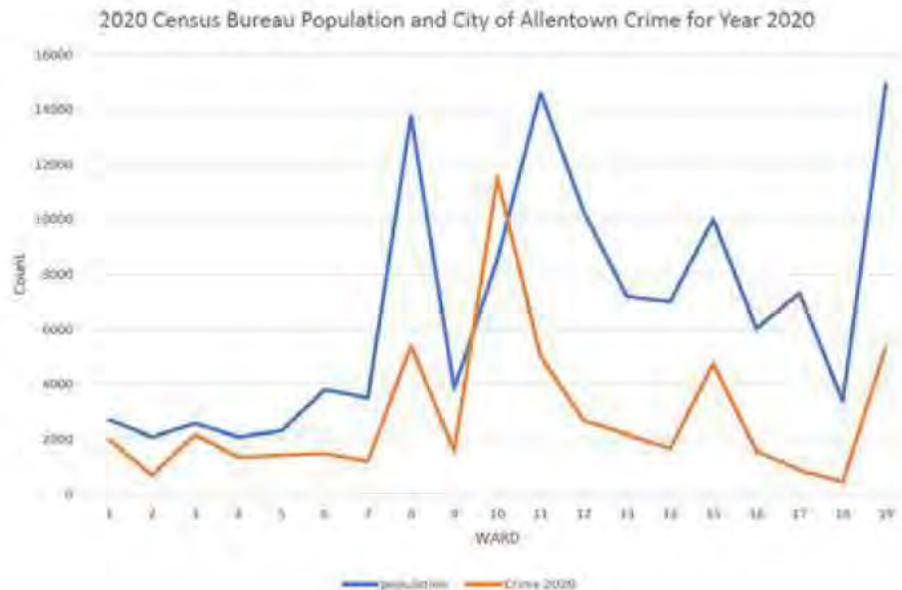
2021 CASE FILINGS

| DISTRICT COURT | CRIMINAL YTD | TRAFFIC YTD | NON-TRAFFIC YTD | CIVIL YTD | LT YTD | TOTAL YTD |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| DC 31-1-01-Vega-Sirop | 585 | 15,744 | 515 | 188 | 719 | 17,751 |
| DC 31-1-02-Santiago | 350 | 11,667 | 259 | 201 | 655 | 13,132 |
| DC 31-1-03-Manescu | 208 | 6,137 | 245 | 215 | 364 | 7,169 |
| DC 31-1-04-Howells | 314 | 3,520 | 204 | 405 | 896 | 5,339 |
| DC 31-1-05-D'Amore | 566 | 4,786 | 508 | 388 | 422 | 6,670 |
| DC 31-1-06-Zanelli | 417 | 3,660 | 249 | 281 | 158 | 4,765 |
| DC 31-1-07-Heffelfinger | 458 | 4,942 | 336 | 373 | 255 | 6,364 |
| DC 31-1-08-Pochron | 190 | 2,967 | 181 | 173 | 84 | 3,595 |
| DC 31-2-01-Devine | 495 | 9,788 | 315 | 128 | 593 | 11,319 |
| DC 31-2-02-Hammond | 426 | 3,604 | 316 | 336 | 108 | 4,790 |
| DC 31-2-03-Vacant | 121 | 1,598 | 584 | 210 | 100 | 2,613 |
| DC 31-3-01-Creighton | 152 | 1,397 | 393 | 215 | 84 | 2,241 |
| DC 31-3-02-Faulkner | 432 | 5,240 | 443 | 385 | 193 | 6,693 |
| DC 31-3-03-Trexler | 156 | 1,490 | 122 | 140 | 68 | 1,880 |
| TOTAL | 4,870 | 76,540 | 4,670 | 3,638 | 4,699 | 94,321 |

| | Allentown Parking Authority Filings | | | | | | Estimated Parking Filings by Ward | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2017-2021 Variance | Ward | Estimated Parking by Ward |
| 31-1-01 | 4843 | 4162 | 3883 | 10581 | 14721 | 67% | 8 | 9084 |
| | | | | | | | 10 | 5637 |
| 31-1-02 | 3489 | 3480 | 3450 | 8337 | 10907 | 68% | 4 | 1121 |
| | | | | | | | 7 | 1889 |
| | | | | | | | 11 | 7896 |
| 31-1-03 | 3248 | 3201 | 3079 | 5884 | 5785 | 44% | 3 | 725 |
| | | | | | | | 13 | 2036 |
| | | | | | | | 18 | 955 |
| | | | | | | | 17 | 2069 |
| 31-1-04 | 862 | 861 | 1115 | 3388 | 2786 | 69% | 2 | 211 |
| | | | | | | | 12 | 1050 |
| | | | | | | | 19 | 1525 |
| 31-1-05 | 647 | 625 | 647 | 2475 | 1879 | 66% | 14 | 773 |
| | | | | | | | 15 | 1106 |
| 31-1-08 | 175 | 291 | 230 | 636 | 599 | 71% | 16 | 599 |
| 31-2-01 | 3074 | 2820 | 3084 | 6296 | 9048 | 66% | 1 | 1942 |
| | | | | | | | 5 | 1642 |
| | | | | | | | 6 | 2717 |
| | | | | | | | 9 | 2747 |

| WARD | Average Criminal Activity per Allentown City Ward | | | | | Estimated Criminal Filings (Per District Court/Per Allentown City Ward) | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|-------|-------|---------|------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | AVERAGE | % | 31-1-01 | 31-1-02 | 31-1-03 | 31-1-04 | 31-1-05 | 31-1-08 | 31-2-01 |
| 1st (31-2-01) | 2050 | 1914 | 1974 | 2028 | 4% | | | | | | | 198 |
| 2nd (31-1-04) | 767 | 768 | 681 | 820 | 2% | | | | 50 | | | |
| 3rd (31-1-03) | 2446 | 2037 | 2153 | 2547 | 5% | | | 112 | | | | |
| 4th (31-1-02) | 1384 | 1372 | 1328 | 1391 | 3% | | 114 | | | | | |
| 5th (31-2-01) | 1728 | 1538 | 1411 | 1605 | 3% | | | | | | | 152 |
| 6th (31-2-01) | 1818 | 1562 | 1470 | 1740 | 3% | | | | | | | 152 |
| 7th (31-1-02) | 1205 | 1115 | 1175 | 1249 | 2% | | 77 | | | | | |
| 8th (31-1-01) | 6406 | 5704 | 5397 | 6598 | 13% | 303 | | | | | | |
| 9th (31-2-01) | 1565 | 1520 | 1557 | 1623 | 3% | | | | | | | 152 |
| 10th (31-1-01) | 8101 | 9102 | 11517 | 8811 | 17% | 395 | | | | | | |
| 11th (31-1-02) | 4812 | 4720 | 5008 | 4901 | 9% | | 345 | | | | | |
| 12th (31-1-04) | 2801 | 2560 | 2678 | 2826 | 5% | | | | 132 | | | |
| 13th (31-1-03) | 1951 | 1944 | 2163 | 2081 | 4% | | | 90 | | | | |
| 14th (31-1-05) | 1503 | 1453 | 1634 | 1760 | 3% | | | | | 104 | | |
| 15th (31-1-05) | 4439 | 4363 | 4743 | 4538 | 9% | | | | | 312 | | |
| 16th (31-1-08) | 1378 | 1314 | 1565 | 1462 | 3% | | | | | | 104 | |
| 17th (31-1-03) | 857 | 773 | 862 | 928 | 2% | | | 44 | | | | |
| 18th (31-1-03) | 456 | 452 | 429 | 476 | 1% | | | 22 | | | | |
| 19th (31-1-04) | 4664 | 4523 | 5339 | 4697 | 9% | | | | 231 | | | |
| Total | 50331 | 48734 | 53084 | 52080 | 100% | 698 | 536 | 268 | 413 | 416 | 104 | 654 |

| Ward | Population - 2020 Census | Crime -2020 |
|------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 2709 | 1974 |
| 2 | 2066 | 681 |
| 3 | 2561 | 2153 |
| 4 | 2075 | 1328 |
| 5 | 2290 | 1411 |
| 6 | 3790 | 1470 |
| 7 | 3496 | 1175 |
| 8 | 13769 | 5397 |
| 9 | 3832 | 1557 |
| 10 | 8544 | 11517 |
| 11 | 14610 | 5008 |
| 12 | 10281 | 2678 |
| 13 | 7190 | 2163 |
| 14 | 6990 | 1634 |
| 15 | 10001 | 4743 |
| 16 | 6032 | 1565 |
| 17 | 7307 | 862 |
| 18 | 3374 | 429 |
| 19 | 14928 | 5339 |



POPULATION

| Township/Ward | 2010 | 2020 | Variance |
|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Alburtis | 2,361 | 2,596 | 10.0% |
| Allentown/Ward 1 | 2,646 | 2,709 | 2.4% |
| Allentown/Ward 2 | 1,853 | 2,066 | 11.5% |
| Allentown/Ward 3 | 2,509 | 2,561 | 2.1% |
| Allentown/Ward 4 | 1,838 | 2,075 | 12.9% |
| Allentown/Ward 5 | 1,742 | 2,290 | 31.5% |
| Allentown/Ward 6 | 3,548 | 3,790 | 6.8% |
| Allentown/Ward 7 | 3,276 | 3,496 | 6.7% |
| Allentown/Ward 8 | 13,539 | 13,769 | 1.7% |
| Allentown/Ward 9 | 4,104 | 3,832 | -6.6% |
| Allentown/Ward 10 | 8,139 | 8,544 | 5.0% |
| Allentown/Ward 11 | 13,692 | 14,610 | 6.7% |
| Allentown/Ward 12 | 9,369 | 10,281 | 9.7% |
| Allentown/Ward 13 | 6,824 | 7,190 | 5.4% |
| Allentown/Ward 14 | 5,998 | 6,990 | 16.5% |
| Allentown/Ward 15 | 9,157 | 10,001 | 9.2% |
| Allentown/Ward 16 | 6,066 | 6,032 | -0.6% |
| Allentown/Ward 17 | 7,155 | 7,307 | 2.1% |
| Allentown/Ward 18 | 3,163 | 3,374 | 6.7% |
| Allentown/Ward 19 | 13,414 | 14,928 | 11.3% |
| Bethlehem/Ward 10 | 1,663 | 1,537 | -7.6% |
| Bethlehem/Ward 11 | 1,217 | 1,207 | -0.8% |
| Bethlehem/Ward 12 | 2,281 | 2,414 | 5.8% |

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| Bethlehem/Ward 13 | 14,182 | 14,614 | 3.0% |
| Catasauqua | 6,436 | 6,518 | 1.3% |
| Coopersburg | 2,386 | 2,447 | 2.6% |
| Coplay | 3,192 | 3,348 | 4.9% |
| Emmaus | 11,211 | 11,652 | 3.9% |
| Fountain Hill | 4,597 | 4,832 | 5.1% |
| Hanover Township | 1,571 | 1,689 | 7.5% |
| Heidelberg Township | 3,416 | 3,324 | -2.7% |
| Lower Macungie TWP | 30,633 | 32,426 | 5.9% |
| Lower Milford TWP | 3,775 | 3,861 | 2.3% |
| Lowhill TWP | 2,173 | 2,292 | 5.5% |
| Lynn TWP | 4,229 | 4,232 | 0.1% |
| Macungie | 3,074 | 3,257 | 6.0% |
| North Whitehall | 15,703 | 15,655 | -0.3% |
| Salisbury/Ward 1 | 2,706 | 2,580 | -4.7% |
| Salisbury/Ward 2 | 2,793 | 2,839 | 1.6% |
| Salisbury/Ward 3 | 2,682 | 2,686 | 0.1% |
| Salisbury/Ward 4 | 2,608 | 2,653 | 1.7% |
| Salisbury/Ward 5 | 2,716 | 2,863 | 5.4% |
| Slatington | 4,232 | 4,283 | 1.2% |
| South Whitehall | 19,180 | 21,080 | 9.9% |
| Upper Macungie | 16,391 | 26,377 | 60.9% |
| Upper Milford | 7,292 | 7,777 | 6.7% |
| Upper Saucon | 14,808 | 16,973 | 14.6% |
| Washington TWP | 6,624 | 6,551 | -1.1% |
| Weisenberg TWP | 4,923 | 4,976 | 1.1% |
| Whitehall TWP | 26,738 | 29,173 | 9.1% |
| TOTAL | 345,825 | 374,557 | 8.3% |